

# POLICY HOLDERS SEE VICTORY AS RESULT OF FIRST ELECTION

### Wall Street Clique Probably Defeated in Control of Billion Surplus.

### THREE MILLION SPENT BY OLD ADMINISTRATIONS

### Every Agent Alleged to Have Solicited Proxies for Present Management While Policy Holders Are Forced to Depend on Circulars.

(Journal Special Service.)  
New York, Dec. 17.—The close of the great fight for the control of the New York life insurance companies and their hundreds of millions of assets is at hand. Since October 18 the policy holders of the two companies have been voting for the election of a new set of trustees in each company. The struggle has been the most remarkable in the financial history of the country, with scattered, unorganized people of small means on the one side and the greatest moneyed powers in the United States on the other. That the result is awaited with intense interest goes without saying.



Judge George J. Gray.



Benjamin F. Tracy.

to have spent upwards of \$2,000,000 to secure the vote of the majority of its 1,000,000 policy holders for the "administration ticket" headed by Alexander E. Orr and placed in nomination by Charles A. Peabody, which was nominated at the direction of H. H. Rogers, and for which members of the discredited McCurdy regime have been working with might and main.

times and every foreign policy holder three times. The committee has expended a total of nearly \$500,000 in this work. Were it not for the fact that everybody connected with the committee except the clerks has given his services without compensation of any kind, the expense would have reached a figure which would have made an effective campaign impossible. A famous group of lawyers have given to the committee free services which would have cost an ordinary client fully \$500,000. Among these lawyers are Alton B. Parker, former chief justice of appeals of New York; Richard Olney, former secretary of state; General Benjamin F. Tracy, former secretary of the navy, and Judge Gregory Gray of the United States court.

Policy Holders' First Vote.  
Irrespective of the outcome the election will show for the first time in the history of the insurance business in the United States a very large vote by the policy holders, the vote being due to the wonderful campaign made by the international policy holders' committee to bestir the policy holders to the importance of showing sufficient interest in the safeguarding of their own funds to cast ballots.

## GRAFT WITNESS IS NOW MISSING

### Max Wolmar, Who Exposed Printing Scandal in San Francisco, Disappears.

### MADE CONFESSION TO PROSECUTOR HENEY

### Relatives Fear Printer Has Committed Suicide—Supervisor Coffey, Chairman of Committee and Several Others, Involved.

(Journal Special Service.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Max Wolmar, the most important witness secured thus far by Detective William J.

Burns to testify regarding the printing graft carried on by the supervisors, is missing and his relatives and friends fear that he has killed himself.  
Wolmar, who was bookkeeper for the printing firm of Phillips & Van Orden, made a confession to Detective Burns and Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney of the alleged questionable dealings of the supervisors with printing firms. He was served with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury. He failed to obey the summons, and is now the object of an anxious search.  
Relatives Seeking Him.  
The grand jury investigators have joined with the relatives of the missing man in the search for him. So far not the slightest hint of his fate or trace of his whereabouts can be found. He left his office on Leavenworth street at noon on the 6th of this month saying that he was going to the grand jury rooms at Gough and Geary streets. He never arrived there. He was last seen by his business associate, J. Kendrick. Colonel T. P. Robinson, who represented the printing firm of Brown & Powers, and who was a member of the so-called "printing ring" that operated to control the city's printing, is being mentioned in connection with the disappearance of Wolmar. The detectives have ascertained that after Wolmar made his confession to Burns and Heney, Robinson called on him upon several occasions. What transpired between the two is unknown. After Robinson's visit, however, Wolmar appeared greatly worried.

inson's visit, however, Wolmar appeared greatly worried. The grand jury will ask Robinson why the witness feared to testify before the grand jury, or what pressure was brought to bear to induce this fear are problems that the investigators are now endeavoring to solve.  
Before the fire Wolmar was bookkeeper for the firm of Phillips & Van Orden, and as such was familiar with all their business transactions. After the April disaster he went into partnership with J. Kendrick and established the Greater San Francisco Printing company. He invested \$15,000 in the printing plant though he was only getting a nominal salary during his services as bookkeeper.  
Two weeks ago Detective Burns took Wolmar to the office of Francis J. Heney and there Wolmar told the entire story of the manner in which favored printing firms obtained contracts from the city. He told of the dealings between the supervisors and the firms, in which the supervisors are alleged to have demanded and secured a rebate or rake off. The statements made by Wolmar involved Supervisor M. W. Coffey, the chairman of the printing committee, and several other members of the "printing ring." It was only a short time after his visit to Heney's office that Robinson called on him.

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## FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD MAID IS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

### Pretty Ethel Smith Killed Worthless Character Who Assaulted Wife.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Thornton, R. I., Dec. 17.—Confident of acquittal and buoyed up by the expressed sympathy of the entire community, Miss Ethel Smith, 15-year-old daughter of Leander Smith, a special policeman, was placed on trial today on a charge of manslaughter. The charge against the girl is the killing of Elmer Briggs about three weeks ago.  
Briggs, who was a worthless character, deserted his wife, leaving her without means to support herself and three small children. Special Officer Smith took pity on the woman and he and his wife received the deserted ones into their home and cared for them. On the afternoon of November 25 Briggs tried to force an entrance to the Smith home. Mrs. Briggs and her children, in fear, locked all the doors and windows.  
Ethel procured her father's revolver as Briggs drew a large carving-knife from beneath his coat and cut away the netting from the screen on the front door. He then broke a pane of glass in the door, reached his arm on the inside, turned the key in the lock and threw back the bolt. As he forced the door open the young girl fired two shots at him, both bullets lodging in his body. Briggs hesitated for a moment and then kept on. The girl fired three more shots and Briggs fell dead. The girl was arrested, but ball was immediately furnished and she was not locked up.

### Pope's Health Affected.

(Special Dispatch.)  
Rome, Dec. 17.—The troubles of the church in France and the keen anxiety felt over the outcome have told on the health of the pope. He has remained unwell, reading and answering dispatches, but is not obliged to remain in bed.

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### Forestry Bureau Will Inforce Its Decisions Regardless of Court Decisions.

## RESTRAIN TRESPASSERS BY LEGAL INJUNCTIONS

### Order Withdrawing Coal Lands Includes All Forms of Land Entry, Homestead, Timber, Stone and Desert—Will Be Modified.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The forestry bureau announces that regardless of the decision of Judge Whitson in the Washington federal court, declaring a breach of the grazing regulations not a crime, it will enforce the collection of grazing fees by civil action.  
Grazing trespassers will be restrained from violation of departmental regulations by injunction proceedings, and live stock excluded from reserves as heretofore.  
Representative Mondell of Wyoming has had a conference with President Roosevelt and Forester Pinchot in reference to the wholesale withdrawal from entry and settlement of lands in western states supposed to be valuable for coal mining purposes. The total area of lands to be withdrawn amounts to 64,000,000 acres. When the question was taken up by Mondell with the president, the latter was surprised to learn that the order of withdrawal included all forms of land entry, homestead, timber and stone and desert entry, and not coal entry alone, as he has supposed.  
The president suggested that Mondell should suggest to the secretary of the interior the public lands commission, charged with reporting upon public land conditions and recommending legislation for the correction of undesirable land laws.  
Pinchot is in accord with Mondell in the opinion that the order of withdrawal is too sweeping and will recommend to the president some modification. This will probably result in the restoration of the lands to entry under all forms of selection excepting under coal land entry.

## GIRL BATTLES WITH HATPIN AGAINST FIVE THIEVES

### Plucky Chicago Maid Saves Five Thousand Dollars of Her Employer's Money.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Battling with a hatpin against five highwaymen who attacked her in broad daylight on a crowded southwest side street, Miss May Gates, cashier of the A. G. Morse Confectionery company, held her

salients at bay today until the police came to her rescue. Her resistance saved her employers \$5,000 which she was bringing from the bank to meet the company's payroll.  
Miss Gates left the bank at noon, took a streetcar to within a block of the company's office and was almost in the doorway when the five robbers, masked and armed, attacked and dragged her into an alley, struggling to wrest from her the handbag in which she carried the money. Bystanders rushed to the young woman's rescue, but the highwaymen draw their revolvers and fought so desperately that they were not only defying capture, but seemed in a fair way finally to overpower Miss Gates.  
Attracted to the spot by the commotion, a half dozen policemen and detectives at last entered the fight. After 20 or 30 shots had been exchanged the

## LOVE-CRAZED SWED

### ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 17.—Driven insane because of unrequited love, Erik Anderson, a Swede farmer living near Nez Perce, this county, cut his throat Saturday. He leaves property valued at \$10,000. The young woman with whom he was in love is said to have lived at Spokane.

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