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Proposals for Assurance Examined and Declined in 1897	24,491,973.00
Income in 1897	48,572,269.53
Assets December 31, 1897	236,876,308.04
Reserve on all existing policies (4 per cent. standard) and all other liabilities	186,333,133.20
Surplus, 4 per cent. standard	50,543,174.84
Paid Policy-Holders in 1897	21,106,314.14

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### GOVERNMENT TO BUY WARSHIPS

Said the Administration Has Such Action in View at Present.

### CAN GET ALL WE REQUIRE

Eight Vessels Have Been Offered by Foreign Shipbuilding Concerns. While Japan Would Like to Sell Us Two.

New York, March 5.—A Herald special from Washington says:

Fully recognizing the importance of being ready for any emergency, the president has directed the navy department to open negotiations looking to the purchase abroad of warships. This fact is for the first time made public. It probably would have transpired at this juncture but for the excitement caused by the statement published that Spain has been the purchaser, or was negotiating for warships being built by the Elswick Company of England for Brazil and for other ships under construction. With a view of obtaining the facts, your correspondent called upon a high official of the administration and obtained an official admission—made for the first time—that while the president does not anticipate war, he recognizes that there is a possibility of hostilities growing out of the Cuban problem and the Maine disaster and that he proposes to be prepared for it. There has been ample evidence of this in the preparations made to everybody which have been in progress for some time, but there has been no official admission to this effect until now. Eight men-of-war, which are practically completed in foreign shipyards have been offered for sale to the United States. The president has given consideration to the advisability of placing an option on them. The navy department has been carefully watching the construction abroad through the eyes of its naval attaches at London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Vienna, and Rome. This surveillance has been maintained for two months but more especially since the Maine disaster. Through the attaches and from the shipbuilders themselves the secretary of the navy has learned that he can now purchase two small steel battleships, two armored cruisers, and four torpedo boats, all at a comparatively low price. The builders have promised that they can deliver the vessels to agents of this government at this time complete in every respect and all that will be necessary for the administration to do will be to order the necessary details of officers and men to proceed to the shipyard, go on board the vessels and take them away to any point which may be desired. The builders have urged that the purchases be made at once as they say a declaration of war between the United States and Spain would result in the enforcement of neutrality measures and prevent the sale of the ships. The battleships and armored cruisers have been built by England and German firms for governments which are now unable to pay for them, and this government would be able to obtain the vessels by simply putting down the amount of cash.

The torpedo boats have been offered by the Thornycroft Shipbuilding Company, whose boats are recognized by experts to be among the best in the world. While your correspondent was unable to learn the names of the ships which have been offered to this government there is reason to believe that among them are three powerful under construction at the Vulcan works, Stettin, Germany, for the Chinese government. These three ships are of 800 tons displacement, contracted to make 18.5 knots and will be able to carry not less than a thousand tons of coal in their bunkers. There is also reason to believe that in case of trouble, this government could purchase from Japan the Katsagi and the Chiosa, which are nearing completion at Philadelphia and the Union Iron Works.

The official with whom your correspondent talked had no doubt that Japan would be willing to aid the United States by selling the warships before the commencement of war.

### PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

California Ports Now Safe From Any Hostile Fleet.

San Francisco, March 5.—Increased supplies of ammunition for high-power guns have been ordered by the war department at Benicia arsenal to the forts at the Presidio and Lime point. Today 30 tons of powder and a large supply of projectiles will be placed on barges at Benicia and towed to the Presidio wharf. The supply of munitions at the arsenal which will be almost exhausted by this shipment, will be replenished by a trainload of ammunition from the east.

Veteran army officers stationed at the Presidio are confident that the works at Fort Point and Fort Baker are now strong enough to successfully resist any fleet that Spain could send to the Pacific.

### A SERIOUS CLASH IS NOT UNLIKELY

Florida State Officials Decide to Enforce Quarantine Regulations.

### NAVAL VESSELS INCLUDED

Decision Will Seriously Interfere With the Operations of Government Boats—Olympic Will Not Come Home.

Washington, March 5.—There is promise of a new and unwelcome development of the Maine affair, that in the end may lead up to an issue between the government of the United States and the state of Florida. If the officials of the state endorse the stand taken by the local officials at Key West. The latter have notified Admiral Sigsbee that on the first of next month they propose to enforce the state quarantine law against all craft arriving from the outside, as a measure of protection against the introduction of yellow fever. The notice indicates that the law will be applied to naval vessels, and in view of the serious interruptions such an interference with the free movement of his ships would cause, Admiral Sigsbee has reported the facts to the navy department and awaits instructions.

The department cannot tolerate with equanimity the stoppage of such craft as the Mangrove and Fern on their errands of mercy, nor delays that may result in the prosecution of the work of the wreckers engaged on the Maine's hull and in the work of the court of inquiry. The president himself will probably communicate with the governor of Florida with a view of securing an abatement of the law so far as it is proposed to apply to naval vessels.

It was decided this afternoon to abandon the projected order to the flagship Olympic to return to San Francisco from Hong Kong. Without this fine ship the Asiatic squadron would be made up of gunboats and unprotected cruisers, without any degree of defensive and no offensive force against armored ships. The cruiser Baltimore, now at Honolulu, has been selected to take the powder to be brought to that port by the Mohican further along to Hong Kong for vessels of the Asiatic squadron continued.

The reports that Spain is buying new warships led to counter reports that the naval authorities here were considering similar purchases. In no official quarter at the navy department could this be confirmed, as steps of this character necessarily would be guarded with the utmost secrecy. There is no little doubt, however, that the department is informing itself fully as to the opportunities of purchasing should the necessity for more ships arise. Thus far there have been no negotiations for ships and no options asked on particular ships. Quite a number of offers have been submitted to Secretary Long by ship building concerns in this country and abroad.

### ANNEXATION OF CUBA

Madrid, March 5.—Commenting on the rumors of President McKinley's project to purchase Cuba, El Nacional in an article under the caption, "The best solution of the Cuban problem," exclaims: "Will nobody preach and proclaim the annexation of Cuba to the annexation by agreement with Spain on condition that the United States redeem its insular debt, favoring us during a certain period by a tariff concession and guaranteeing under a powerful authority and a respected flag the lives and property of Spaniards resident in Cuba? Behold a solution of the problem which would win popular sympathy, procuring the best termination of any war or present heartburnings of the nation."

The article has provoked much comment.

### PACIFIC NAVAL RECRUITS

Vallejo, Cal., March 5.—Admiral Kirkland has received telegraphic orders to instruct Captain Louis Kempf of the receiving ship Independence to sign all the able-bodied seamen he can possibly pass. The Charleston, Yorktown, and Philadelphia are the best ships now here, but little work is being done on them at present. Admiral Kirkland says that he can prepare these vessels for sea within six weeks. There are 300 men employed in the construction department and orders have been issued for the employment of additional labor.

### "DARE," A STRONG WORD

London, March 5.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

In contrast with the clamor in America, there is almost absolute calm here, and that, too, even on the bourses, where the falls are due to foreign selling. The general opinion is that the United States dare not make the suspicion which is unsupported by evidence and is absorbed by European opinion, the pretext for war.

### ALASKA'S MAIL SERVICE

Washington, March 5.—J. P. Clum, superintendent of the mail division of the postoffice department, has been ordered to Alaska to investigate the various offices there.

### REDUCED RATES FROM PORTLAND

O. R. & N. Company Makes a Big Cut in Fares to the Missouri River.

### REBATE SYSTEM ADOPTED

Consul Dudley at Victoria Notified to Make No Further Reports Against American Interests.

Portland, March 5.—The O. R. & N. Company took such action today as will put Portland upon an equality with the Sound cities, so far as travel to and from the east is concerned, at the reduced transcontinental rates now prevailing. The general passenger department of the O. R. & N. today issued a circular stating that reduced rates would commence tomorrow to apply via the Huntington gateway, and would be good over both the Rio Grande Western and its connections and the Union Pacific.

These reduced rates are upon a basis of \$2 first-class and \$10 second-class to the Missouri river. Tickets at reduced rates will be sold upon the rebate plan, unless three or more persons travel together. Then tickets will be sold at the flat rate, and one ticket made good for the entire party. The reason for adopting the rebate system is that it will enable several roads to cut rates to protect their local business.

**DON'T GET GAY.**

Washington, March 5.—Senator Wilson has called the attention of the state department to the recent report of Consul Dudley at Vancouver, B. C., in which Canadian ports and Canadian routes to the Klondike were extolled at some length. He said that this report had been used by the Canadian Pacific road as an advertisement to the detriment of American roads and American ports on the Pacific coast which were doing a large outfitting business for the gold regions of Alaska. The state department has notified Consul Dudley that hereafter his reports must not favor foreign interests in competition with those in the United States.

### GETTING TO BE A CHESTNUT

Another Syndicate Organizing to Build Nicaragua Canal.

New York, March 5.—The Herald prints the following:

Edward W. Cragin of Chicago is perfecting the organization of a syndicate for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Mr. Cragin in an interview said that he was not organizing a new syndicate, but simply completing the work begun by him and L. E. Cooley of Chicago when they took a party of engineers and contractors to Nicaragua to inspect the ground there. Mr. Cragin said that the engineers are agreed that the work is perfectly feasible and prevents no engineering problems that have not already been solved. They are figuring on the cost of construction and Cragin and Cooley are arranging for the financing of the undertaking. The cost has previously been estimated at \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000. They are also arranging the details of a settlement with the old Maritime Company of Nicaragua and the Nicaragua Company under which the interest of the two companies will be assumed by the new syndicate.

### GOVERNMENT TUG LOST

Fears Entertained for the Underwriter From Norfolk to Havana.

New York, March 5.—A special to the Press from Norfolk, Va., says:

Great anxiety is felt here for the safety of the tug Underwriter which left this port yesterday with the derrick Chief in tow for Havana, where the vessels were to help in the work of raising the Maine. She was compelled to put back on account of the head winds and heavy seas, but she started again and was past the cape before the warning came of the fierce gales sweeping up the coast and she ran unwarded right into it. How tug and tow fared Thursday night is not known. Certain it is they experienced heavy weather. No word had been received here at 10 p. m., when the government wires at Hatteras were closed.

The tug Underwriter is the vessel that once sunk in New York harbor.

### THREE BODIES RECOVERED

Havana, March 5.—Three bodies were recovered from the wreck of the Maine today. One of them was identified as that of Robert White, a mess attendant, and another is supposed to be that of a man named Stewart. The third body is supposed to be that of an officer, as the clothing was saturated with oil.

**WILL MAKE SAUSAGES.**

Chicago, March 5.—Wife-murderer Lueterger has been told his task during his imprisonment for life. It is the intention of the Joliet officials to manufacture sausages for use in the big prison and Lueterger will be given charge of the work. The information pleases Lueterger.

**EDMUND TATTERSALL**

London, March 5.—Edmund Tattersall, head of the horse exchange firm of Tattersall's, is dead.

### CANADIANS ARE COLLECTING DUTY

Northwest Mounted Police Occupy White and Chilkoot Passes.

### ANOTHER STEAMER IS LOST

Bessie K. Thought to Have Gone Down During a Storm and It Is Likely Her Entire Crew Met Death.

Juneau, Alaska, March 1, via Seattle, March 5.—Further confirmation of the Canadian mounted police occupying White and Chilkoot passes was brought here today by James D. Esary. He says: "Captain Strickland, of the mounted police, is at the summit of White pass, with a force of eighteen men, collecting duty and a lieutenant, whose name did not transpire, with eighteen men, was at Chilkoot pass, doing the same thing. "White pass, the camp of the mounted police, is within twelve miles of Skagway and Chilkoot camp is within eighteen miles of Dyea."

The following letter shows that the rights of ownership are exercised at Lindemann definitely by Collector of Customs Godson:

Bennett, B. C., Feb. 24.—Willis Thorp, Skagway, Sitka: I have the honor to request that you will present yourself at Bennett, B. C., within the next few days, with all invoices of goods and meat now in the province of British Columbia at Lake Bennett. I found a notice of the sale of your goods on the trail between Lakes Bennett and Lindemann and have forbidden your men in charge to dispose of a single pound until the duty is paid. Please give this your earliest attention. I have honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, J. Godson, Collector of Customs, Lake Bennett.

**ANOTHER STEAMER LOST.**

Seattle, March 5.—A passenger who arrived here today from Alaska on the steamer City of Seattle has informed the Agent Grauman, of the steamer Bessie K., that the wreck passed by the City of Seattle north of Victoria, which was reported last night, had all appearances of being the Bessie K., seven days overdue. The wreck lies 100 miles north of Victoria on the rocks, and there are no indications of any survivors.

The Bessie K. is owned by J. S. Kimball & Co., of San Francisco, and left that port for Alaska with a heavy load of freight and passengers. She had a capacity of 100 passengers and 250 tons freight and was scheduled to leave here on Friday on March 1. She is supposed to have been wrecked on her voyage south, having been in the track of the late disastrous storm that swept the northern coast. So confident is Agent Grauman that she is lost that he has arranged to send the passengers booked for her next trip north on the Navarro.

**STORM ON ATLANTIC COAST.**

One Vessel Ashore and Others May Be Driven There.

Philadelphia, March 5.—The whole Atlantic coast has again been visited by a storm of such violence as to cause grave apprehension for vessels that happen to be close to the shore. A terrific north-easter prevails at the Delaware breakwater and is casting in before its influence a sea which at the last reports was leaping high over the Delaware breakwater and Maritime Exchange observatory at that point. The harbor is full of storm-bound craft, smothering themselves in the head and held in position only by their two anchors down and a full scope of chain. The storm according to the weather bureau is central off the coast of North Carolina, moving north-easterly and will cause dangerous gales on the New Jersey and southern New England coasts.

A dispatch to the Maritime Exchanges from Lewes, Del., says that an unknown, two-masted schooner is ashore near Assateague life-saving station inside Fishing point. Despite the violence of the storm the life-savers had launched their boat and were making desperate efforts to reach the distressed craft. A fleet of 20 coal barges carrying probably upward of 30,000 tons of coal, some in charge of tugs and others in tow of steamers passed to sea Thursday night and will experience the full force of the storm.

### THIS IS INTERESTING

London, March 5.—According to the statement of a man whose cards describe him as an electrical engineer, whose name cannot be disclosed, but has been forwarded to Washington, he sold to the Spanish officers in London several years ago a large number of mines, eight or ten of which were placed in Havana harbor. He says they were made in a social way and had a specially and peculiarly constructed cable, which, he contends, he can positively identify if the smallest piece is produced.

The Toronto city council has resolved that no alien, and particularly no citizen of the United States, shall hereafter be employed on civic work in that city.

### THE PAST WEEK IN LONDON TOWN

House Bimetallists Are Endeavoring to Close the Mints of India.

### SMOKING ON THE INCREASE

Aristocratic and Plebeian Menor Alike Are Using Tobacco, and Lascars Are Drinking Heavily.

London, March 5.—(Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.)—Throughout the week London has been given over to local politics and the proceedings in the house of commons have not excited much interest.

The queen will hold a privy council on Monday and clear up arrears of business before starting for the Riviera on Wednesday. The Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenburg) and her children will accompany the queen to the south of France. Her majesty for the first time habitually used gold old-age spectacles.

About 100 bills have already been introduced in parliament of which number eight are government measures. One legislative bill introduced by Daniel Michiels, anti-Parnellite, and editor of the People's Advocate, to entitle persons of Irish birth or extraction to adopt the use of the prefix "O" or "Mac" before their names, was received with shouts of laughter and he furnished a fund of paragraphs for the press. The bill, however, is exciting unexpected opposition from the Irish and Scotch members who are enjoying the prefixes, who claim, according to one statement, that it would "be an infringement of the dignity of the order."

The bimetallists in the house of commons have secured first place on March 28, when they will present a resolution providing for the closing of the Indian mints and recommending the appointment of a royal commission to take up the whole question of bimetallism. The Bimetallist League has issued a manifesto reviewing the situation from the time of Senator Wolcott's mission, protesting against the proposed adoption of the gold standard in India and urging the government to resume earnestly the negotiations with France and the United States.

It is said in Brussels that when Prince Albert of Belgium returns from the United States he will be raised to the rank of major in his grenadier regiment and that his betrothal to his cousin the Princess Clementine, who was engaged to the late Prince Radouin, will be announced.

The Times in its annual statement says the drink bill of the United Kingdom is nearly £1,500,000, in excess of that in 1896, averaging about £112 for each man, woman and child.

The English press has universally printed the statement that Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens) has paid the last of his Webster & Co. debt. Dr. McAllister, writing to the Times on the subject, says: "With the exception of the historical case of Sir Walter Scott, I do not think there is to be found in the records of literature anything quite equal to Mark Twain's conduct."

Emperor William has not, as the correspondent of the Chronicle at Berlin telegraphed, having a racing yacht built for him quietly at Southampton to enter the regattas in German and English waters next summer. The story arose from the rechristening of the American schooner Yampa recently purchased by Emperor William to Iduna.

Large numbers of people witnessed the formal opening of the boating season at Eton on Tuesday, when a procession of boats under the supervision of young William Walford Astor, who now has the distinction among Etonians of being captain of boats, was rowed from Windsor bridge to Beverley lock. The flotilla, which consisted of 10-cared monarchs and 80-oared boats was a most picturesque sight.

The Ladies Dorothea and Estella Hope, (Continued on Fifth Page.)

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