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INCOME	
Received for Premiums	\$42,518,748 51
From all other sources	12,007,850 92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,526,599 43</b>
DISBURSEMENTS	
To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	\$11,263,008 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	31,485,723 85
For all other accounts	10,191,379 55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,940,111 40</b>

ASSETS	
United States Bonds and other Securities	\$169,050,141 25
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgages	68,505,540 90
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	9,296,619 90
Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at \$75,324,256.88; Book Value Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	20,694,649 61
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	11,021,377 56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$277,547,325 96</b>

LIABILITIES	
Policy Reserves, etc.	\$223,054,640 68
Footings of Guaranty Fund	42,278,584 88
Reserve for Unpaid Claims	7,219,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$272,542,225 56</b>
Insurance and Annuities in Force	\$971,711,997 79

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES S. FRANKLIN Auditor

From the Divisible Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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## CUT PRICES

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## NOW STANDS ADJOURNED

### Closing Hours of Fifty-Fifth Congress Brought Out Dramatic Scenes.

### 'JOE' WHEELER SNUBBED

### Grizzled Old Veteran of Two Wars Refused Recognition by Speaker Reed.

### LAST HOURS IN THE SENATE

### Strict Formality Marked the Close and No Sensational Features Developed During the Day.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Wearily the house sat through the silent watches of the night, recessing from time to time while awaiting the conference reports upon the appropriation bills. The final amendment on the river and harbor bill containing the compromise on the Nicaragua canal was secured about 7:30 a. m.; the sundry civil bill, in which the house forced the senate to surrender the provision for the Pacific cable, about 6; the District of Columbia bill, with the provision for sectarian institutions eliminated, about 1 o'clock; the deficiency bill at 5:30, and the final conference report upon the naval bill at about 9:30 a. m.

About 7 o'clock Henderson aroused the house by an electric speech. It was one of the most eloquent of this congress. Disheveled members and the wreckage of the night were about him. It was on the question of sectarian institutions in the District of Columbia, provision for which had been stricken out of the district appropriation bill. With force and passion he denounced the bigotry of the confederates who, he said, were willing at the behest of a secret organization to turn the homeless and friendless into the streets. The scene was dramatic in the extreme when Henderson recalled the dark days of the war, when the white-capped sisters of mercy were administering on the battlefield to sick and dying soldiers.

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thanks for the compliment the house had conferred upon him.

### LAST HOURS IN THE SENATE.

No Sensational Feature Marked the Close of the Session.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Vice-president Hobart declared the senate of the Fifty-fifth congress adjourned without day at eight minutes after 12 o'clock today. It was after a continuous session, beginning at 11 o'clock on Friday, with the exception of a one-hour recess during the forenoon.

President McKinley and his entire cabinet had come to the capitol and were in the president's room back of the senate chamber, where the various bills were hurried for signature. Finally the last appropriation bill had received the president's approval and everything was ready for the close.

As daylight broke over the capitol this morning a large majority of the members of the senate still were in or about the chamber, wherein the last legislative day of the 55th congress was drawing rapidly to a close. All night the senators had been laboring under a terrific nervous strain to complete the necessary legislation in order that congress might adjourn at noon today with its desks comparatively clear.

At 8:30 Hale presented the conference report on the naval bill, and it was submitted to the senate.

Hale announced that she house had refused absolutely to authorize the construction of a government armor-plate plant. He then explained that the report of the conference committee fixed the price of armor plate for ships authorized by the bill at \$50 a ton. The number of battleships, armored cruisers and protected cruisers remain as fixed in the house bill. The secretary of the navy is authorized to contract for armor plate for the ships provided for in the naval appropriation bill of 1898 at \$40 a ton. The conference report was finally agreed to without division.

All 116 o'clock the doors of the senate were opened, and the senate began its last legislative session of the present congress. Hoar and Gorman were appointed a committee to join a similar committee of the house to inform the president that the senate was ready to adjourn. Hoar reported that the president had no further communication to make. Cockrell presented the usual resolution of thanks to the vice-president, and Mr. Vest to Senator Frye, president pro tem. Hobart then reviewed the work of the session and thanked the members and officers for their courteous treatment. He then declared the senate adjourned.

TRACES OF POISON FOUND IN HENRY BARNETT'S BODY.

It is Now Certain the Man Died From Mercurial Poisoning. According to a Chemical Analysis.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Herald today says: Traces of mercurial poison in sufficient quantities to cause death or indicate at least a contributory cause, have been found in the viscera and organs of Henry Crossman Barnett's body.

This information report has been made to District Attorney Gardner by Professor Rudolph A. Witthaus, a chemist, to whom certain parts of the body of Barnett were given when Barnett's body was disinterred a few weeks ago.

Prof. Witthaus has practically completed his work and it is expected that Dr. Henry Loomis, to whom other portions of Barnett's body were delivered, will be ready to make his report in a few days. Prof. Witthaus has not yet made a formal written report.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT MUST PAY THE RAILWAY LOAN.

Great Britain Will Hold Her to the Terms of the Contract—Friendly Settlement Probable.

LONDON, March 4.—The Daily Graphic announces that the British minister to China, Sir Claude MacDonald, acting on Lord Salisbury's instructions, has notified the Chinese foreign office that Great Britain will hold China to the terms of the contract in the recent railway loan, and will also support her in resisting any aggression intended to force her to repudiate her obligations under the contract.

As the result of British action, according to the Daily Graphic, Anglo-Russian negotiations have been resumed, with the prospect of an amicable agreement.

REARRANGEMENT AT APIA.

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BERLIN, March 4.—The correspondent of the Associated Press hears on good authority that negotiations thus far tacitly assume that the entire change in the personnel at Apia of the representatives of the three powers will be the basis of an understanding to be arrived at, and that this will include the recall of the American Chief Justice Chambers, United States Consul Osborne, British Consul Maxse, Dr. Raffel, Raymond, president of the municipal council, and Herr Rose, the German consul. It is understood that their removal is necessary in order to re-establish peace and order in the administration of the islands.

INFERNAL MACHINE'S FINE TIME.

SAN JOSE, March 4.—Henri Fournier, at the cycle meet in this city today rode a bicycle, unpaced, going the distance on his "infernal" tandem, with Tom Barnby, of Boston, steering, in 1:35, breaking the motor cycle record of France by two seconds.

HOSPITAL BOARD CENSURED.

OLYMPIA, March 4.—The report of the house committee appointed to investigate the affairs at the Eastern Washington hospital for the insane is a severe arraignment of the administration and assistant employees, detailing instances of neglect and abuse of inmates. The report further recommends the abolition of the board of audit and control.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN WAGES.

PITTSBURGH, March 4.—The Schenck Pressed Steel Company, of Allegheny, advanced wages in all departments today from 5 to 10 per cent. The increase will benefit more than 3000 men.

## POPE AND MR. KIPLING

### Interest in the Health of Those Notables Occupies England's Attention.

### FEELING OF AMERICANS

### Anxiety for the Writer Another Manifestation of America's Friendly Spirit.

### MILLE COUEDER'S PROPHECY

### Predicted Pope Leo's Death After That of President Faure—Events of the Week in London.

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LONDON, March 4.—Popular interest here is now divided between Rudyard Kipling's struggle with death and the sick man of the Vatican. The Kipling bulletins are followed with intense interest, and the news of his probable recovery is received with profound relief, which is expressed throughout the press, the Times, during the course of a long editorial, saying:

"The deep sympathy manifested in America may be regarded as a fitting tribute to the writer who has lately done more than diplomacy, treaties, arbitration and speechmaking to convince two nations, sprung from the same stock that they are still in many ways one."

It appears that the pope himself was responsible for the attack, as, after the audience of Monday, when he tired, he insisted upon driving in the garden to Leo's tower. In spite of a biting north wind, he returned to his apartments shivering with cold, and, on feeling himself in pain, he said he recalled the prophecy of Mile Coueder, whose spiritualistic prophecies were the talk of Paris some time ago, and who declared that the Archangel Gabriel had announced to her that the pope would die immediately after President Faure.

"Perhaps," said the pope, "God's will spoke through her mouth."

THE WEEK IN LONDON.

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LONDON, March 4.—Influenza has reached an epidemic form in London, being responsible for one in eighteen deaths during the past week, when the deaths from the disease reached a total of 13. But the increase was accompanied by the least number of deaths from pulmonary affections recorded during the present winter.

The cheering announcement comes from Berlin that Prof. Wasserman, one of Prof. Koch's ablest pupils, believes he has discovered a serum for the cure of pneumonia. Experiments with animals have been successful, and he is now operating upon human beings.

The two drawing rooms this week brought the people to town. The Duchess of Buccleugh presented Miss Astor, who wore a white toilette, with silver embroidery and a satin train, bordered with single pearls. She carried a bouquet of white lilies. The United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph Choate, is still staying at Claridge's hotel and is busy house hunting. He has accepted an invitation to attend the annual dinner of the associated chambers of commerce on March 15. The other guests will include the lord high chancellor, Earl Halsbury, the lord chief justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and the president of the board of trade, Mr. C. T. Ritchie.

The arrangements for Queen Victoria's departure for Rivera next Thursday have been completed. Her majesty will travel to the south of France by way of Boulogne-Sur-Mer, instead of via Cherbourg, being the first time she will have visited Boulogne since the Crimean war. Some interest is taken in the fact that the queen's yacht will be conveyed by eight of the fastest torpedo boat destroyers in the British navy, five of them being 30-knot boats. Cruisers have previously been employed for this duty, and the use of destroyers, it is hinted in some of the papers, is intended to set off the French papers' talk about submarine torpedo boats.

There is much indignation in England at the scandalous and coarse attacks made upon Queen Victoria by some of the newspapers of Paris this week. The Libre Parole, in an insulting article, said: "Frankly the queen will be well advised if she does not come to France this spring. The constitutional fiction that it was Lord Salisbury and not the queen who inflicted the outrage of Fashoda and the humiliation of Muscat on France will not suffice. It is well known that the queen has directed England's policy throughout her long reign, and she has never missed an opportunity of displaying her antipathy toward France."

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der the circumstances, therefore, her visit is an additional insult and defiance of public opinion. After this warning it will only be her own fault if she meets with a hostile reception in France."

M. Cassagnac's Autobiography says: "The queen becomes our guest at the moment when the British government has made itself more than ever our enemy. Her journey will be full of the same risks as the Maine incurred in entering Cuban waters, and the French government is committing the same foolish act as when she was placed in such a position that the smallest accident might precipitate both nations into a terrible conflict." After such intimations as the foregoing, it seems possible that the queen's visit to France will not pass without some chaotic incident. A special police staff has left Paris to watch over her majesty at Cimiez, where her heavy baggage is already arriving.

Queen Victoria spent 11,000 monthly for her own rooms, without counting the expense of her suite, numbering 50 persons, although her little trip will cost her about \$7,000. Her choice, favorite white donkey and numbers of pet dogs and birds have been sent ahead. Her majesty has also a curious whim about sleeping in her own bed, which is taken with her wherever she goes.

The Prince of Wales went to Paris this week and visited the exposition grounds. He proceeds to Cannes on Sunday. The prince's wonderful scheme, known as the League of Mercy, in connection with which a new order has been established, for those who collect and promote the collection of subscriptions for the Prince of Wales hospital fund, five years work being required for admission to the order, is severely criticised in several quarters. The Daily News thinks the prince has not been fortunately advised in committing himself and in securing the sanction of the queen in such a scheme. The paper calls it an "organization of anarchy by the aristocracy which is repugnant to the idea of charity and not calculated to add to the dignity of the throne."

The annual report upon recruiting for the army shows a slight increase in the physical development of the recruits, but 35 per cent have still been rejected owing to unsatisfactory physique. The announcement is made that 13 per 1,000 are utterly illiterate, and that only 49 per 1,000 are described as well educated.

There has been a revival of the sensation caused a few weeks ago by the alleged disappearance of Prince Ludwig Von Lowenstein-Wertheim, who married Lady Anne Saville, a daughter of the Earl of Mexborough. He moved a good deal in English society and then disappeared suddenly. An advertisement, inquiring after his whereabouts, caused considerable speculation in the London press, and now a telegram from Manila has been published saying the prince is at Manila, has been there for many months, and is present during the destruction of the Spanish fleet and was a member of the European club. But, it is added, his behavior caused suspicion and he was thought to be acting as the confidential agent of the German government. Before Manila surrendered it is further alleged the prince was allowed to pass in and out of the insurgent lines, each party apparently regarding him as favorable to themselves. For a few days, it is even asserted, he was a voluntary aide de camp of General Miller, although he was never connected with the American army. The English papers are wondering what is the meaning of those "mysterious movements."

Sir Thomas Lipton has engaged a crew for the cup challenger Shamrock, numbering 30 men. Half of them are picked Clyde yachtsmen, have long been members of the Thistle's crew, and the remainder are English sailors.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is expected to return in May to Skibo castle, which is being renovated and furnished during his absence in America.

A number of relics of Sir Walter Scott were sold at auction this week. Among them were 31 letters which fetched \$1,125. His walking stick, a stout piece of ash cut in the woods of Abbotsford, was sold for \$35, and two books of his hair were for two guineas each. A guinea is \$5.

RAILROAD WORK PROGRESSING.

REDDING, Pa., March 4.—The construction crews on the Nevada, California and Oregon Railroad have reached a point twelve miles north of Amador, Lassen county, and are rapidly extending the road bed across the Madeline plains toward Alturas and southeastern Oregon. The haste of the narrow gauge people in throwing their road forward is said to be occasioned by the approach of a road south eastward from Grant's Pass, Oregon, which is making for the rich stock regions of Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon.

WILLIAM ISSUES AN EDICT.

BERLIN, March 4.—An imperial cabinet order has been issued, which, after referring to "certain regrettable affairs in which officers have been recently involved," and to the "frequency with which officers receive offers of loans from professional money lenders at usurious interest," directs that hereafter every officer shall immediately communicate any and all offers to his superiors.

CORNELIA JEFFERSON DEAD.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Cornelia Jefferson, whose name by marriage became Mrs. Jackson, died at her home in this city at the age of 62. She was the only sister of Joseph Jefferson, the actor. In childhood she went on the stage, and during her life she was more less closely connected with the dramatic profession.

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