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GENERAL NIVELLE

General Nivelle, who is commander-in-chief of the French armies on the western front.

NEW GERMAN RAIDER IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

Rio Janeiro.—A new German raider, slipping past the British warships, on board in the North sea, has reached the South Atlantic and sent 12 more merchantmen to the bottom. According to survivors from the sunken vessels, the raider is the Seeadler (Sea Eagle), a formidable armed craft.

News of the activities of the raider was brought to Rio Janeiro by the French bark Cambronne. She had on board 285 men from the crews of vessels sunk by the Seeadler. The Cambronne encountered the raider in the Atlantic almost on a line with Rio Janeiro and about two-thirds of the way to the African coast. After the survivors had been put on the Cambronne she was allowed to proceed.

MAYOR GILL IS NOT GUILTY

Cleared of Federal Charges of Support of Whisky Ring.

Seattle.—A verdict of not guilty was returned in federal court here against Mayor H. C. Gill, Chief of Police C. L. Beckingham and City Detectives Meyer Peyser, John Poolman, Daniel McLennan and James Doom, who were on trial for more than three weeks on charges of conspiring to assist the Billingsley bootlegging ring to violate federal interstate commerce laws.

The entire case revolved around the alleged payment of bribes to all the accused officials by the Billingsley brothers, Logan and Fred.

Penfield Will Come to America.

London.—Frederick Penfield, the American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, and Mrs. Penfield are about to depart for Washington at the request of Secretary Lansing, according to the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, as reported by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent.

Norway Sends Protest to Germany.

London.—In a débate in the Norwegian parliament, according to the Standard's Copenhagen correspondent, Foreign Minister Ihlen announced that the government had officially protested against the German blockade of Norway's north coast.

Germany Denies all Whitlock Charges

Amsterdam.—Official denial was received from Berlin that the German government had ever violated the diplomatic immunity of American Minister Brand Whitlock at Brussels.

French Reach Lines Before Quentin.

Paris.—French patrols advanced to the German positions before St. Quentin, which they found to be held in force. South of the Ailette the French drove the Germans beyond Vauxaillon.

Sweden Will Remain Neutral.

London.—Strict neutrality will be the policy of the new Swedish cabinet, according to a Stockholm dispatch

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club $1.66; bluestem $1.74; red Russian, $1.65; forty-fold, $1.68.

Barley—No. 1 Feed, $40 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, $22 per ton; alfalfa, $20.

Butter—Creamery, 39c.

Eggs—Ranch, 28c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 40c; valley, 40c.

Hops—1916 crop, 4@7c; 1917 contracts, nominal.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem $1.74; club $1.68; forty-fold, $1.69; red Russian, $1.66; turkey red, $1.75.

Barley—$40 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 42c.

Eggs—30c.

RAILROAD SITUATION IS NOW LARGELY UP TO CONGRESS

Must Share Responsibility In Future Development.

ROBERT S. LOVETT'S VIEWS

"Unification of Regulation Is Essential." A Complete, Harmonious, Consistent and Related System Needed—Federal Incorporation of Railroads by General Law Favored.

Washington, March 26. — Responsibility for the railway development of the country, for providing necessary transportation facilities to care for the growing business and population of the country, now rests largely with congress and not entirely with the railroad managers. This was the statement of Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific system, to the Newlands joint congressional committee when that body resumed its inquiry into the subject of railroad regulation this week.

In making this statement of the changed conditions of the railroad situation Judge Lovett undoubtedly had in mind the decision of the supreme court on the Adamson law, handed down last week, which establishes the right of the federal government to fix railroad wages and to prevent strikes. This decision is regarded by railroad men and lawyers as marking an epoch in the development of transportation in the United States.

"We have our share of responsibility," said Judge Lovett, "but it rests primarily on congress. When the government regulates the rates and the financial administration of the railroads, the borrowing of money and the issuance of securities it relieves the railroad officers of the responsibility of providing and developing transportation systems, except within the limits of the revenue that can be realized from such rates and under such restrictions.

"For a country such as ours, for a people situated as we are, to blunder along with a series of unrelated, inconsistent, conflicting statutes enacted by different states without relation to each other, instead of providing a complete and carefully studied and prepared system of regulation for a business that is so vital to the life of the nation, is worse than folly."

He summed up the present problems and difficulties of the railroads as follows:

First.—The multiplicity of regulations by the several states with respect to the issue of securities, involving delays and conflicting state policies generally dangerous and possibly disastrous.

Second.—The state regulation of rates in such a manner as to unduly reduce revenues, to discriminate in favor of localities and shippers within its own borders as against localities and shippers in other states and to disturb and disarrange the structure of interstate rates.

Third.—The inability of the Interstate Commerce Commission, whoever the commissioners may be, to perform the vast duties devolving upon it under existing laws, resulting in delay—which should never occur in commercial matters—and compelling the commissioners to accept the conclusions of their employees as final in deciding matters of great importance to the commercial and railroad interests of the country.

Fourth.—The practical legality that has been accorded conspiracies to tie up and suspend the operation of the railroads of the country by strikes and violence and the absence of any law to compel the settlement of such disputes by arbitration or other judicial means, as all other issues between citizens in civilized states are to be settled.

Fifth.—The phenomenal increase in the taxation of railroads in recent years.

Sixth.—The cumulative effect of these conditions upon the investing public, to which railroad companies must look for the capital necessary to continue development.

"We believe that the unification of regulation is essential," said Judge Lovett, "and that with the rapid increase of state commissions in recent years congress will in time be compelled to exercise its power in the premises. To unify regulation there should be a complete, harmonious, consistent and related system. We believe the best, if not the only practical plan, is the federal incorporation of railroads by general law, which will make incorporation thereunder compulsory, thus imposing on all railroad companies throughout the United States the same corporate powers and restrictions with respect to their financial operations and the same duties and obligations to the public and the government, so that every investor will know precisely what every railroad corporation may and may not lawfully do."

Judge Lovett contended that the solution of these problems and difficulties rested with congress. He told the committee that under the constitution the authority of the federal government is paramount, that congress has the power to legislate for a centralized control of railroads under federal charters and that it only remains for that body to exercise that power.

County agent Jay L. Smith of Coos county, has announced that arrangements have been made among the banks of the county to extend a credit of $50,000 to ranchers who desire to purchase thoroughbred stock for their dairies.

During last year there were organized 577 industrial clubs, with an aggregate membership of 13,805, according to a bulletin issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, reviewing the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Clubs of Oregon.

CHAMP CLARK

Photo by American Press Association.

Champ Clark, Democratic congressman from Missouri, who was re-elected Speaker of the house.

WASHINGTON SHOWS PATRIOTIC SPIRIT

Washington. — President Wilson's appearance before congress was marked by a scene of the greatest enthusiasm ever shown since he began delivering his addresses in person. Crowds on the outside of the capitol cheered him frantically as he entered and as he left. Congress foared cheer after cheer in an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm.

It was noticed that Senators La Follette, Lane, Stone and Cummins, who helped defeat the armed neutrality bill in the last session, did not join in the applause.

By far the greatest outburst came when the president declared for an army of 500,000 men, selected on a universal service basis.

Applause also greeted the declaration for supplying needs of the allies and also the statement that principles of peace and justice should be vindicated against autocratic power.

"We have no quarrel with the German people," was another remark which received an enthusiastic reception. Mention of the recent overthrow of the Russian monarchy brought loud cheers.

Wave after wave of applause met the president's reference to German spies infesting the country and his suggestion of a partnership of democratic nations in the cause of peace.

A particularly vociferous outburst greeted the declaration that "if there should be disloyalty it will be dealt with by a firm hand and stern repression."

As the president finished every person on the floor and in the galleries arose and shouted. Most of the senators unfolded flags they wore in their upper outside coat pockets and waved them vigorously.

EUROPEAN WAR BREVITIES

British forces are progressing steadily north of Bagdad.

Two German steamships, one an auxiliary cruiser, have run the British blockade of German East Africa with cargoes of war supplies, it was stated by the official Overseas News Agency.

Two wedges driven into the German lines close to the "Hindenburg line" by British and French troops appeared likely to force German withdrawal from the important base city of St. Quentin.

Germany, according to information reaching Copenhagen from Berlin, is now gathering together every available man for a supreme military effort to bring the war to a victorious conclusion during this year's campaign.

There were stormy scenes in the Reichstag according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, when Socialist deputies foreshadowed the establishment of a republic and demanded that the Reichstag have larger powers in the foreign policy.

LEADERS APPROVE OF EXTRA SESSION

Feeling Is Evident That Congress Ought to Be on Hand During Crisis.

Washington.—Leaders of both parties in congress greeted with approval President Wilson's call for a special session on April 16.

There has been a feeling evident that congress should be in Washington when the president takes any step further in the German situation.

The length of the special session, the legislation it will enact and the debates that may mark its progress will depend largely on three factors—just what legislation the president expects, what results from the arming of American merchant ships, and the way the new house of representatives conducts itself with its evenly balanced membership.

The democrats control the new senate by 12 votes, and despite its bitter debates on international problems and its failure to pass the armed neutrality bill, it can be safely counted on to stand behind the president in almost anything he asks in handling the German situation. The little group of pacifists are still there, but their power to defeat legislation would be negligible in a session that might last until December, even without the modified cloture rule which the senate adopted.

The new house might organize as republican or democratic, or an effort may be made to effect a coalition organization, but its leaders say it will make little difference which party controls when it comes to international problems and preparedness.

FEDERAL LAND BANK OFFICIALS ARE NAMED

Washington.—Officers of the federal land bank, of Spokane, were appointed by the farm loan board as follows:

President, D. G. O'Shea, of Red Lodge, Mont.; vice president, C. E. B. Roberts, of Rupert, Idaho; secretary, George C. Jewett, of Palouse, Wash.; treasurer, George M. Dreher, of Spokane.

The officers and A. W. Cauthorn, of Portland, Or., also were appointed directors. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, was appointed registrar and attorney.

Dr. Dreher is brother-in-law of ex-Senator George Turner.

Regarding the two Oregon appointees the farm loan board in a statement says:

"A. W. Cauthorn, director, is peculiarly fitted to serve the Spokane federal land bank by reason of his practical experience as a banker and as the editor of a farm paper. Mr. Cauthorn is manager of the farm edition of the Portland Journal, and in this capacity has attained an intimate knowledge of farm conditions in the great northwest."

Mayor Arbee of Portland forced leaders of the warring Chinese tongs to sign a 30-day peace, covering Multnomah county, and to agree to sign a permanent peace pact before the end of 30 days.

In order to have at least 500 automobiles at the disposal of the military authorities on a moment's notice in any emergency, the Motor Alliance was formally organized at a meeting at Portland.

Oregon Battalion Leaves Vancouver.

Portland.—Following all-night preparations, the first battalion, 3d Oregon regiment, Major L. E. Bowman commanding, moved from Vancouver Barracks at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Under the military censorship agreed upon, the destination of the battalion or the assignment of companies was not made public.

Peace Talk Is Feverish.

Berne, via Paris.—German and Austrian newspapers reaching Switzerland and telegraphic reports from Hungary are once more filled with peace ideas. There has been an almost feverish renewal of peace discussions on the eve of the reopening of the American congress.

A Nickname For Barrett.

Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, was subject to dyspepsia, and when he was suffering from that disorder he was cold and distant toward his company. One irreverent fellow always refused, however, to be suppressed. He said one day: "Just look at Cassius. He looks as solemn and righteous as if he'd swallowed the sword of justice. Let's call him the Scabbard." And the Scabbard he was—out of his hearing—for the rest of that season.

Cutting.

A Scotch lawyer was well reproved when, seated by a lady fully aware of her own plain looks, having bowed to his hostess in giving the toast, "Honest Men and Bonnie Lasses," she rejoined, raising her own glass, "We may both drink that toast, since it refers to neither of us."

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.

of London, England, in the State of Oregon on the thirty-first day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL

Statutory deposit .....$ 200,000.00

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year .....$ 9,006,973.87
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year 322,229.55
Income from other sources received during the year 165,199.96
Total income $10,094,403.38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc. .....$ 4,587,196.89
Remitted to head office during the year 316,707.25
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 2,161,274.15
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year 207,361.57
Amount of all other expenditures 442,345.87
Total expenditures .....$ 7,714,885.73

ASSETS.

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) .....$ 8,822,195.00
Deposited with N. Y. Work. Comp. Comm. 1,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 9,119.67
Cash deposit with trustees of Kidder & Peabody 230,255.96
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 2,347,686.90
Interest and rents due and accrued 114,447.15
Total assets admitted in Oregon $11,524,704.68

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid...$ 3,881,310.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 3,837,410.02
Due for commission and brokerage 655,362.11
All other liabilities 235,000.00
Voluntary additional reserve for catastrophe 500,000.00
Total liabilities .....$ 9,109,082.73
Total premiums in force December, 31, 1916 .....$ 7,600,448.35

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Gross premiums received during the year .....$ 23,761.29
Premiums returned during the year 3,663.61
Losses paid during the year..... 6,121.12
Losses incurred during the year. 5,931.12

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.
By SAMUEL APPLETON, U. S. Mgr.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: JAMES McL. WOOD.

Jas. McI. Wood & Co., General Agents, Portland, Oregon.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the AMERICAN CENTRAL INSURANCE COMPANY

of St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital paid up.....$1,000,000.00

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year $2,097,283.64
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year..... 152,598.84
Income from other sources received during the year..... 11,961.37
Total income $2,261,843.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Net losses paid during the year..$1,262,184.73
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year..... 30,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 644,005.85
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 66,865.85
Amount of all other expenditures.. 457,087.34
Total expenditures $2,460,123.77

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned (market value) ..... none
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) $2,836,870.57
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 5,500.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 164,500.00
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1916..... 779,538.62
Reinsurance recoverable on losses as per schedule "E"..... 438,967.52
Interest and rents due and accrued 13,145.00
Total assets $4,213,500.92
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be) 40,479.21
Total assets in Oregon.....$4,142,833.93

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid...$ 251,754.24
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks..... 1,819,024.51
All other liabilities..... 39,319.61
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $1,000,000.00...$2,110,098.36
Total premiums in force Dec. 31, 1916 .....$3,556,595.14

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Total insurance written during the year $3,378,940.00
Gross premiums received during the year .....$ 49,829.98
Premiums returned during the year 11,107.06
Losses paid during the year..... 10,132.48
Losses incurred during the year.... 9,965.64
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1916 1,383,904.00

AMERICAN CENTRAL INSURANCE CO.
By B. G. CHAPMAN JR., Vice President.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRED TEBBEN, Morgan Building, Portland, Or.

W. C. Bryant, Resident Agent.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY

of New York, in the state of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL

Amount of capital paid up.....$ 6,000,000.00

INCOME

Net premiums received during the year $18,820,825.60
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year..... 1,702,189.82
Income from other sources received during the year..... 182,894.93
Total income.....$20,705,910.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Net losses paid during the year.$10,756,410.87
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year..... 1,320,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year..... 5,067,763.60
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year..... 627,394.16
Amount of all other expenditures. 1,463,518.05
Total expenditures.....$19,235,086.77

ASSETS

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....$33,794,442.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc..... 5,500.00
Recoverable for reinsurance on paid losses..... 469,074.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 2,339,221.92
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 3,601,793.63
Interest and rents due and accrued 253,103.00
Total assets $40,464,134.55
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)..... 190,255.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon $40,263,879.55

LIABILITIES

Gross claims for losses unpaid...$ 2,808,972.06
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks..... 19,179,042.00
All other liabilities..... 2,907,751.76
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $6,000,000..$21,895,766.42
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916.....$31,463,402.00

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Total insurance written during the year $11,855,065.00
Gross premiums received during the year..... 136,814.16
Premiums returned during the year 26,323.44
Losses paid during the year..... 66,321.13
Losses incurred during year... 65,060.85
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 ..... 14,876,519.00

By THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.
(Signed) F. C. BUSWELL, Vice President.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: JOHN D. COLEMAN, 311½ Stark St., Portland, Or.

Wasco Warehouse & Milling Company

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

GUARDIAN CASUALTY AND GUARANTY COMPANY.

of Salt Lake City, in the State of Utah, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL

Amount of capital paid up.....$ 300,000.00

INCOME

Net premiums received during the year.....$2,060,900.16
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year... 31,876.54
Income from other sources received during the year..... 2,171.95
Total income $2,094,948.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc .....$...$1,137,063.99
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year..... 34,500.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year..... 572,770.94
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year..... 16,415.55
Amount of all other expenditures..... 83,260.34
Total expenditures $1,844,010.82

ASSETS

Value of real estate owned (market value).....$ 24,661.09
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)..... 47,532.73
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc..... 333,960.98
Cash in banks and on hand..... 252,638.40
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916..... 593,369.49
All other assets..... 27,841.31
Interest and rents due and accrued..... 5,903.94
Total assets $1,285,907.94
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)..... .....
Total assets admitted in Oregon $1,285,907.94

LIABILITIES

Gross claims for losses unpaid..... $ 265,186.68
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 282,864.73
Due for commission and brokerage..... 166,751.32
All other liabilities..... 41,545.97
Total liabilities .....$ 757,348.71
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916..... $ 567,729.47

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Gross premiums received during the year.....$ 40,642.84
Premiums returned during the year..... 4,153.62
Losses paid during the year..... 40,626.98
Losses incurred during the year..... .....

GUARDIAN CASUALTY AND GUARANTY COMPANY.
By Thomas H. Sloan, Secy.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: D. C. Burntrager, 640 Pittock Blk., Portland, Ore.

Statement of Ownership

Management, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of the Sherman County Observer, published weekly at Moro, Oregon, for April, 1917.

State of Oregon,
County of Sherman,

Before me, a notary public, in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared C. L. Ireland who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor, Publisher and Owner of the Sherman County Observer and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, postal laws and regulations, towit:

That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager is C. L. Ireland, Moro, Ore.

That the owner is the said C. L. Ireland.

There is absolutely no one who holds mortgage, bond, note or other debt against the said newspaper its equipment or building. Signed C. L. Ireland.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 29th day of March, 1917.

W. C. Bryant, notary public.
My commission expires October 16, 1916.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the UNITED STATES BRANCH, TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,

of Tokio in the empire of Japan on the thirty first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of deposit capital $300,000; ledger assets, December, 31, 1916 .....$ 589,428.28

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year .....$ 693,161.43
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 17,349.47
Income from other sources received during the year..... 182,507.51
Total income 893,018.41
$1,482,446.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Net losses paid during the year..$ 335,710.73
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 195,901.71
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year 19,469.91
Amount of all other expenditures. 437.37
Total expenditures 551,519.72
Ledger assets .....$ 930,926.97

ASSETS.

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) .....$ 585,440.00
Reinsurance recoveries due on paid losses of schdeule E 37,176.70
Cash in banks and on hand 243,754.88
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 116,979.00
Interests and rents due and accrued 5,827.08
Total assets .....$ 969,177.66
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)..... 7,015.02
Total assets admitted in Oregon$ 962,162.64

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid....$ 257,584.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 116,662.02
All other liabilities 25,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of deposit capital stock of $300,000 .....$ 399,246.02
Total premiums in force December, 31, 1916 .....$ 192,720.83

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Total insurance written during the year .....$ 656,008.00
Gross premiums received during the year 883.89
Premiums returned during the year 1,491.96
Losses paid during the year..... 846.92
Losses incurred during the year.. 2,120.93
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 ..... 29,022.00

UNITED STATES BRANCH, TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
By APPLETON & COX, Attorneys.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: W. J. CLEMENS, Portland.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY,

of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital paid up.....$1,000,000.00

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year $2,455,105.56
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 189,395.40
Income from other sources received during the year 131,750.14
Total income $2,776,251.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Net losses paid during the year..$1,353,439.83
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 80,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 686,122.73
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 149,379.13
Amount of all other expenditures. 343,615.95
Total expenditures $2,612,557.62

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned (market value) 205,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 3,226,386.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral etc. 439,100.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 116,026.94
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 408,087.82
Other assets 2,793.82
Interest and rents due and accrued 43,459.28
Total assets $4,501,434.31
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be) 14,996.65
Total assets admitted in Oregon $4,486,437.66

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid....$ 241,690.10
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks..... 2,361,508.40
Due for commission and brokerage 171.53
All other liabilities 46,322.47
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $1,000,000...$2,649,692.50
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916 ..... 4,562,016.58

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Total insurance written during the year .....$ 664,282.00
Gross premiums received during the year 21,397.85
Premiums returned during year. 7,083.78
Losses paid during the year..... 8,927.96
Losses incurred during the year.. 8,298.63
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 ..... 1,622,871.00

SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY,
By ANTON ROTH, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: E. A. PARSONS.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

of Minneapolis in the State of Minnesota on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock paid up..$4,130,514.01

INCOME.

Total premium income $1,446,707.96
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year..... 258,453.40
Income from other sources received during the year..... 14,535.83
Total income $1,719,697.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values...$ 284,720.98
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year 115,178.26
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 325,205.43
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year 32,556.02
Amount of all other expenditures.. 129,127.92
Total expenditures $887,788.61

ASSETS.

Market value of real estate owned$ 576,269.04
Market value of stocks and bonds owned 151,068.90
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 3,484,278.10
Policy loans and liens 757,889.35
Cash in banks and on hand..... 113,190.96
Net uncollected and deferred premiums 146,773.53
Other assets (net) 74,322.76
Total assets $5,303,801.64
Total assets admitted in Oregon $5,303,801.64

LIABILITIES.

Net reserve $4,281,695.00
Total policy claims unpaid 62,213.80
All other liabilities 491,248.08
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock .....$ 4,835,151.83
Total insurance in force December 31, 1916 .....$42,190,750.00

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Total insurance written during the year .....$ 10,000.00
Gross premiums received during the year 7,925.67
Losses paid during the year..... 5,511.30
Losses incurred during the year.. 5,511.30
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 ..... 247,225.00

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
By M. Y. JENNESS, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service:
J. CLARK TIBBETTS, Gresham, Oregon.

Notice of Hearing of Final Account.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank G. Barton, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executors of the estate of Frank G. Barton, deceased, have filed their final account in the above entitled court and cause and that the said court has set said final account for hearing and for the hearing of any objections thereto and the same to be heard on the 9th day of April, 1917, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a. m. of said day at the courtroom of said county court in Moro, Sherman county, Oregon.

Maggie S. Barton,
George L. Barton,
Executors of the estate of Frank G. Barton, deceased.

Date of first publication, March 9, 1917.
Date of last publication, April 6, 1917.
Schlegel & Dennison, attorneys for executors, 312 Platt Bldg., Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

of New York in the State of New York on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital paid up $1,000,000.00

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year $3,495,431.13
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 342,657.00
Income from other sources received during the year 279,732.63
Total income $4,117,821.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Net losses paid during the year .$1,621,064.40
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 225,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 1,024,782.75
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 115,601.93
Amount of all other expenditures. 1,024,082.15
Total expenditures $4,010,531.20

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned (market value) .....$ 713,663.02
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 5,701,009.23
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 739,850.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 659,355.63
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 706,277.55
Interest and rents due and accrued 85,430.42
Total assets $8,605,585.87
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be) 49,881.65
Total assets admitted in Oregon $8,555,704.22

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid...$ 324,019.71
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 3,808,201.70
Due for commission and brokerage. 18,293.90
All other liabilities 71,970.09
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $1,000,000..$4,222,485.60
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916 .....$7,376,806.41

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Total insurance written during the year $2,188,050.00
Gross premiums received during the year 30,984.67
Premiums returned during year. 5,976.14
Losses paid during the year..... 22,232.56
Losses incurred during year..... 21,326.96
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 ..... 7,124,805.00

GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
By L. F. GOULE, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service:
A. H. BIRRELL, Portland, Or.
JOHN H. BURGARD & CO., Agents.
SMITH, WAGONER CO., Agents.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY COMPANY

of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital paid up.....$1,000,000.00

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year $2,190,064.63
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 111,506.80
Income from other sources received during the year 314,544.26
Total income $2,616,115.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc. $1,101,933.48
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 111,029.50
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 763,246.98
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 48,148.87
Amount of all other expenditures. 185,482.50
Total expenditures $2,179,841.28

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned (market value) ..... $ 142,300.96
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 1,804,718.80
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 120,500.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 393,070.95
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 519,495.96
Interest and rents due and accrued and miscellaneous items.. 80,948.27
Total assets $3,061,034.94
Total assets admitted in Oregon $3,061,034.94

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid....$ 572,075.11
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks..... 931,474.78
Due for commission and brokerage. 92,673.44
All other liabilities 122,098.49
Total liabilities except capital and surplus $1,718,321.82
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916 ..... 1,847,393.94

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Gross premiums received during the year .....$ 38,335.32
Premiums returned during year.. 9,903.35
Losses paid during the year..... 11,570.28
Losses incurred during the year.. 12,404.71

NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY COMPANY,
By SIFFORD PEARRE, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service:
W. J. CLEMENS, Portland, Or.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY,

of Newark, in the State of New Jersey on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital paid up.....$1,250,000.00

INCOME.

Net premiums received during the year $4,110,813.74
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 397,452.46
Income from other sources received during the year 1,983,115.83
Total income $6,491,381.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Net losses paid during the year..$1,861,778.89
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 270,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 1,370,503.03
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 93,982.06
Amount of all other expenditures. 3,730,636.18
Total expenditures $7,316,962.76

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned (market value) $1,074,129.63
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 3,638,785.22
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 2,414,250.00
Cash in banks and on hand..... 47,265.06
Reinsurance due on losses already paid 17,690.70
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1916 ..... 518,755.55
U. S. Revenue stamp refund claim 1,546.76
Interest and rents due and accrued 44,467.06
Total assets $7,756,889.37
Less deposits in any State (if any there be) 49,345.52
Total assets admitted in Oregon $7,707,543.85

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid....$ 418,911.21
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks..... 3,534,585.27
Due for commission and brokerage 7,500.00
All other liabilities 46,752.44
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $1,250,000.00..$4,007,748.92
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916 ..... 7,291,282.66

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Total insurance written during the year $2,737,685.00
Gross premiums received during the year 40,985.23
Premiums returned during the year 9,303.37
Losses paid during the year..... 26,409.20
Losses incurred during the year... 25,962.71
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 ..... 5,157,253.00

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY.
By A. H. HASSINGER, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service:
E. A. PARSONS, Portland, Or.
GERLINGER, RICHARDS & CO., Agents