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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Minneapolis Fire & Marine Insurance Co.

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

Capital	\$200,000.00
Amount of capital paid up	\$200,000.00
Net premiums received during the year	\$701,787.84
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$6,445.52
Income from other sources received during the year	\$5,424.84
Total income	\$713,658.20
Net losses paid during the year	\$488,979.79
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$20,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$162,283.03
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$20,876.40
Amount of all other expenditures	\$175,209.87
Total expenditures	\$867,348.61

Assets	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$197,874.37
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	\$32,350.00
Cash in banks and on hand	\$106,248.68
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1916	\$43,678.21
Interest and rents due and accrued	\$12,942.92
Total assets	\$743,094.18
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$743,094.18
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$68,932.57
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$95,552.71
All other liabilities—Taxes	\$14,227.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$200,000	\$478,712.28
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916	\$718,059.87

Business in Oregon for the Year

Total insurance written during the year	\$409,288.06
Gross premiums received during the year	\$6,613.52
Premiums returned during the year	\$977.47
Losses paid during the year	\$46.92
Losses incurred during the year	
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916	\$236,611.00

MINNEAPOLIS FIRE & MARINE INS. CO.

By Walter C. Leach, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: J. F. H. Webber, 711 Pittcock Block, Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of The Continental Insurance Company

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

Capital	\$10,000,000.00
Amount of capital paid up	\$10,000,000.00
Net premiums received during the year	\$9,986,040.88
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$1,578,947.78
Income from other sources received during the year	\$1,613,111.24
Total income	\$12,178,099.90
Net losses paid during the year	\$4,544,206.46
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$8,000,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$2,617,743.95
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$217,513.15
Amount of all other expenditures	\$1,647,432.01
Total expenditures	\$17,026,895.57

Assets	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$1,000,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$28,945,764.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	\$7,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	\$2,301,045.29
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1916	\$1,576,195.41
Interest and rents due and accrued	\$98,667.16
Total assets	\$39,924,117.86
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	\$20,497.39
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$39,893,620.47

Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$594,007.54
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$10,135,805.46
Due for commissions and brokerage	\$81,725.23
All other liabilities	\$600,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$10,000,000	\$11,811,038.23
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916	\$10,892,116.37

Business in Oregon for the Year

Total insurance written during the year	\$6,156,068.00
Gross premiums received during the year	\$60,394.96
Premiums returned during the year	\$10,909.18
Losses paid during the year	\$27,132.96
Losses incurred during the year	\$17,766.96
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916	\$6,709,245.00

By J. E. LOPEZ, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: W. A. Williams, Portland, Or.
W. A. LISTON, Resident Agent, Salem, Or.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of The Netherlands Fire and Life Ins. Co.

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

Capital	\$200,000.00
Amount of statutory deposit paid up	\$200,000.00
Net premiums received during the year	\$475,307.88
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$6,895.93
Income from other sources received during the year	\$1,326.69
Total income	\$513,540.50
Net losses paid during the year	\$193,403.41
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$160,336.92
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$18,232.52
Amount of all other expenditures	\$43,679.41
Total expenditures	\$415,652.26

Assets	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$983,690.00
Cash in banks and on hand	\$6,753.53
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1916	\$73,146.12
Other assets	\$1,496.41
Interest and rents due and accrued	\$12,049.05
Total assets	\$1,177,135.11
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$1,177,135.11
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$59,640.53
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$486,437.22
All other liabilities	\$9,981.75
Total liabilities, exclusive of deposit capital stock of \$200,000	\$556,059.50
Total premiums in force December 31, 1916	\$89,136.57

Business in Oregon for the Year
Total insurance written during the year \$1,640,268.00
Gross premiums received during the year \$9,674.73
Premiums returned during the year \$10,909.18
Losses paid during the year \$27,132.96
Losses incurred during the year \$17,766.96
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916 \$7,019,975.00
By HAROLD D. LETTON, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: W. O. Buffington, 264 Oak St., Portland.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Steps are being taken to organize a troop of cavalry in Lebanon.

The girls of Corvallis have formed a branch of the Girls' Honor guard. The western Lane county play festival will be held at Elmira May 12.

The Bend Automobile club was formed recently with a large membership of auto owners.

A chapter of the National Red Cross society was formed in the Rogue river valley with a membership of 85.

The O-W-R-N. company has determined to institute a motorcar service between Elgin and La Grande.

The Klamath county lumber mills are preparing for a record run this season as soon as the weather permits.

The Eugene rifle club at its annual meeting decided upon a campaign to increase its membership to 100 members.

Florence M. Dunlop, of Airlie, was the first to make application for a loan under the rural credits amendment.

With 20 editors present from almost all sections of the valley, the Williamette Valley Editorial association met at Albany.

William Piper, wealthy farmer, aged 95, one of the oldest pioneers of Umatilla county, died at his home near Helix.

The price of common labor, it is concluded, will be forced higher in the Coos bay section, for there is a scarcity of men.

This week is "Patriotic week" in the state of Oregon by virtue of a proclamation issued by Governor Withycombe.

More than 1250 has been raised among the merchants of Roseburg for the strawberry festival to be held there in May.

Very little wheat will be planted this spring in Douglas county, owing to the inclement weather during the early planting season.

Silver gray squirrels have suffered more than any other game animal in southern Oregon, according to Game Warden Thompson of Roseburg.

A meeting of fruitgrowers at which co-operative marketing and plans for the establishment of a cannery were discussed, was held in Albany Wednesday.

Total deposits in the 36 banks and trust companies of Portland equaled \$87,326,383.61 on March 5, 1917, according to Superintendent of Banks Sargent.

The Oregon Corn Show association has been organized in Eugene and steps have been taken to hold a corn exhibition in that city December 11, 12 and 13.

Curry county officials have refused to contribute \$50 a month toward paying a man to patrol the state line so that liquor could not be brought over the border.

Owing to disturbed conditions owing to the German crisis, all bridges on the O-W-R-N. between Huntington and Portland are under double night and day guard.

Where two measures on an election ballot have conflicting provisions, the measure receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes prevails, according to an opinion.

Mrs. S. A. Skaggs, pioneer of Oregon, died at Medford. Mrs. Skaggs crossed the plains with her parents in 1848, and was one of the first settlers of Lane County.

The Coos bay country as a summer resort and fishing ground is to be given publicity in bulletins to be issued by the Southern Pacific company during the coming summer.

Application for a permit to build a storage reservoir on Bully creek has been received by the state engineer from the Willow-Alder Irrigation district of Vale, in Malheur county.

A class of those desiring to take examinations for the army officers' reserve corps has been organized at Salem with 33 members. It is expected the membership will increase to 40.

Plans for a greater Oregon City, through the consolidation of Oregon City, South Oregon City, Mount Pleasant, Canemah, Clackamas Heights, Gladstone and Jennings Lodge, have been announced.

Thirty-two thousand jackrabbits destroyed in a little more than a month is the record of which Malheur county boasts, according to the report recently issued by W. W. Howard, county agricultural agent.

As the result of a quarrel over poisoning of a dog belonging to Ralph Knight, Alex Worthington of Canyonville is in a serious condition as a result of two knife wounds inflicted in his side by Knight.

Not since Civil war times has flour been so high in the Portland market as it is now. An advance of 30 cents a barrel announced by local millers put the wholesale quotation of family patents at \$8.60 a barrel.

Three-Year War is Expected. Cleveland—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, who was here on personal business, indicated that the war department is making preparations for a three-year war at least.

Britain, Too, Asks Troops for France. Washington—Great Britain formally joined France in expressing the hope that an American expeditionary force soon would take its place on the western front in Europe.

PLANS TO COMBAT U-BOATS PERFECTED

New York.—William L. Saunders, chairman of the Naval Consulting Board, announced here that the board had forwarded to the government at Washington a plan for aggressive operation against submarines which, in the opinion of the members of the board, would soon put an end to the submarine menace.

He added that a companion plan for the destruction of German establishments on land in which the board had confidence had also been sent to Washington.

Without committing himself, he intimated that an attack might be made on the Kiel canal.

Mr. Saunders said that the measures were not matters of speculation, but had been tested and proved.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Northwest of Rheims French troops took the first German line on a front of about two and a half miles, capturing 600 prisoners in the operation.

On the eastern end of the Vaucelle plateau, the village of Craonne was captured by the French, as well as several points of support east and north of Craonne.

Germany is pouring fresh divisions into desperate fighting along all the Soissons-Rheims front in a determined attempt to stop the French advance and retake positions lost in General Nivelle's recent drives.

The British have pushed their way well within the town of Bullecourt, after desperate hand to hand fighting. The town lies absolutely astride the Hindenburg line, the front trench and two systems of support trenches all being within the village limits.

Way for the flanking of the Laon pivot of the German Hindenburg line is open to the French. If General Nivelle can turn the trick and outflank the Germans by the capture of Laon in the immediate future, military strategists believe the retirement of the Germans to the frontier line will be necessary.

Jeffre Pays Homage to Lincoln. Springfield.—The French mission to the United States paid tribute to the memory of Lincoln at the emancipator's tomb here, and received an enthusiastic welcome to the capital of Illinois. Marshal Jeffre silently placed a wreath upon the Lincoln sarcophagus.

As soon as the general public understands that the extra tax on automobiles will pay for the hard-surfacing of the highways in the proposed trunk lines over the state, friends for the good roads movement increase. The title of the bill gave it a black eye as soon as it appeared. The word "bond" scared them stiff. It is now being understood that the road money that has been available in the different road districts is not interfered with under the proposed plan, but is paid out of the increased assessment on automobiles. The bond issue then becomes simply the state loaning its credit to get the good roads now, and let the extra auto tax pay for them as they are being used. The proposition is growing in favor as it is understood.—Hubbard Enterprise.

French Mission's Train is Derailed. Arcola, Ill.—Members of the French mission to the United States were severely shaken up but otherwise uninjured when the special train aboard which they were returning east from their middle-western tour was derailed near here.

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THE LAST JUDGMENT.

As it is Hourly Depicted by the Clock of Beauvais Cathedral.

The clock of Beauvais cathedral is said to be composed of 92,000 separate pieces. One sees on the fifty-two dial plates the hour, the day, the week and the month; the rising and setting of the sun, phases of the moon, the tides, the time in the principal capitals of the world, together with a series of terrestrial and astronomical evolutions.

The framework is carved oak, eight meters by five meters, or twenty-six feet by sixteen and a quarter feet.

When the clock strikes all the edifice seems in movement. The designer sought to depict the last judgment. This wonderful work recalls the clock of Strasbourg and is of modern construction. It is the work of a Beauvaisian, M. Verite, who was in the engineering department of the Nord railway and who died in 1887.

As the striking begins the clockwork angels sound a trumpet at the four cardinal points, imitation of flames appears from the openings of little steeples right and left. A soul, that of the impudent thief, appears before the Supreme Judge. It is condemned, "a l'enfer," and a demon armed with a pitchfork seizes it and casts it into the abyss. Next comes the soul of the just. The angels advance and conduct it to the realms of day, sacred strains being heard.—London Chronicle

IMPROVE YOURSELF.

The happiness of your life and its part and rank in earth or in heaven depend on the way you pass your days now. They are not to be sad days; far from that. The first duty of young people is to be delighted and delighted, but they are to be in the deepest sense solemn days. Now, therefore, see that no day passes in which you do not make yourself a somewhat better creature.—Ruskin.

Those who are readiest to criticize are oftentimes the least able to appreciate.—Joubert.

Paul Milukoff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, whose resignation was demanded by Petrograd mobs last week.

Allies in Need of 2000 Doctors. Chicago.—England and France are in immediate need of 2000 medical officers and 5000 ambulance attendants according to a statement made by Dr. Franklin Martin, head of the medical division of the council of national defense, in an appeal addressed "to the doctors of America."

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