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PAYN DENIES STORY

Asserts He Never Received a Cent of Money From Insurance Companies

New York, Dec. 28.—Former Superintendent Payn resumed the witness stand this morning in the insurance case. Payn said he employed counsel at various times. He did not go to the attorney general's office because those officials would make one charge to a new attorney general, and a year later there would be a change to a new attorney general, who would make still another. He was outside, where he personally knew attorneys who were honest and capable.

Payn said President McCurdy called on the day before he filed his report admitting Prussian companies to do business in the state. He told McCurdy he would send an attorney to see him, but the report would be without change. Hughes said it was reported Payne had received \$40,000 in connection with the Mutual reserve. Payn said the story was "unqualifiedly untrue in every particular. The report got out of the fight between Burnham and Wells. He was paid absolutely no money in that or any other matter, and any man who came to me with such suggestions would be fortunate to get out of my office with a head on his shoulders. I never accepted money for a seminar, nor a fee in any shape from insurance companies." Payne's attorney said he called upon McCurdy, who asked if there was any reason why he should not. The incident closed and no amount of money was mentioned.

Will Make McCall Pay.

New York, Dec. 28.—It was learned tonight says the Times, that the New York Life investigating committee, of which Thomas P. Fowler is chairman, does not consider Andrew Hamilton's report on his legislative expenditures satisfactory. The committee had the report before all Tuesday afternoon, before it was given to the Armstrong investigating committee.

The New York Life's committee will accordingly proceed independently to obtain an accounting from Hamilton, and, failing in this, will look to President John A. McCall to make good his pledge to refund to the company the \$25,000 that Hamilton got in 1904, if that were not accounted for satisfactorily by December 15th.

After Cotton-Tails.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 28.—No word has been received from the President by his stenographer here. Secret service men have orders to await the president in this city. The only line of communication is a telephone line to an adjoining plantation, which is closed to the public. It is believed he is rabbit hunting with his sons today.

RUSSIAN TROUBLE GROWS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Moscow advises this morning any hostilities are more widespread than ever. Neighboring districts are seized with the fire of rebellion, and peasants are responding to appeals to take up arms and fight.

Odessa, Dec. 28.—Martial law has been proclaimed, although the strike is about over.

Rebellion Breaking Up.
Moscow, Dec. 28.—The backbone of the rebellion is broken, and the uprising is gradually going to pieces. The rebels are able to only keep up a guerilla warfare.

Father Gapon at Monte Carlo.
Nice, Italy, Dec. 28.—Father Gapon, who has been playing several nights at Monte Carlo, it is reported has won large sums. He says he will devote his winnings to the cause of Russian workmen.

Bomb-Throwers on Railroad.
(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Paris, Dec. 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal, in a dispatch dated December 27th, says:

"Another bomb was thrown at the Vilna station today when the German express arrived here. The missile was badly made, however, and the explosion which resulted did not cause serious damage.

"Passengers from Moscow when 37 miles outside of that city are compelled to transfer from trains to vehicles drawn by horses."

The Petit Parisien's correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphing Wednesday says that a train carrying a regiment of cavalry to Riga was derailed, and that a number of persons were injured.

Giant Spruce Log Cut.
(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Astoria, Or., Dec. 28.—One of the largest and finest trees ever cut in the Lower Columbia River district was placed in the water a few days ago by the Gray's Bay Logging Company. It was a spruce measuring 165 inches in diameter at the butt and 60 inches at the first limb, 108 feet up. The tree was cut into five logs, which contained 30,912 feet of perfectly clear lumber.

Ohio Hotel Clerks at Dayton.
Dayton, O., Dec. 28.—Several hundred members of the Ohio Hotel Clerks' association are in the city today to attend the annual meeting and election of officers of the association, which will open at the Algonquin hotel this afternoon. An effort will be made by the members from Portsmouth to have that city selected as the place for the next annual meeting of the association.

QUIET ON WALL STREET

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—There is scarcely a ripple in financial circles this morning. A bill has been filed asking the removal of Receiver John P. Edmonson, appointed yesterday for the Merchants' Trust Company, and asks that another be appointed.

CANNOT EXPORT SILVER

Manila, Dec. 28.—The Philippine commission has enacted a law making it a crime to export silver, on account of the menace to the parity by exportations of both coins and bullion recently. Tourists are permitted to take only 25 pesos, and heavy penalties are imposed.

PLAIN MIXED CANDY
7 1/2 c a Pound
Other Kinds in Proportion
At
Zinn's
Order supplies for your tree early to avoid the rush.

FIRE AT NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, Dec. 28.—Fire in the hotels Porter and Imperial, adjoining the business houses, this morning caused \$150,000 loss.

JUST TRIFLING FINES

Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—J. V. N. Yates, H. G. Brayton, William Schaffer, members of the coal dealers' association, were today fined \$500 and costs each on pleas of violating the anti-trust laws. Eight were freed.

RAISES A MILLION SUBSIDY

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 28.—Bellingham today completed raising the \$1,000,000 subsidy which it offers to any one who will build a railroad across the state to Spokane, 300 miles, opening a quarter of the eastern part of Washington, with mines, timber and great agricultural wealth all along the line.

Yerkes' Condition Bad.
New York, Dec. 28.—Yerkes' condition is unchanged this morning and his death is surely expected.

ANOTHER HAZING TRIAL

Annapolis, Dec. 28.—Midshipman Tremore Coffin, Jr., of the third class, from Nevada, who is accused of hazing Midshipman Jerdone Petus Kimbrough, of the fourth class, from Tennessee, was arraigned before a court-martial this morning. The specific charge is that he made his victim stand on his head December 12th until he was unconscious. Midshipman Hewlett was called and said if he testified to what he saw it would incriminate himself, as the law says any one who witnesses hazing is guilty of hazing. He was told that it wouldn't incriminate him, and he then described the scene of Kimbrough standing on his head surrounded by others. Kimbrough could not identify the defendant as the one who stood him on his head. Cadets showed the court how he stood on his head, performing the athletic feat before the stand.

Out His Throat.
(Four O'Clock Edition.)
San Francisco, Dec. 28.—With prison staring him in the face, Paul Wells, aged 45, cut his throat with a razor in a tenement house last night, rather than face the charge of stealing gold rings of the value of \$100 from the Fook Wah Company, in Chinatown. Wells was a curio collector. His bank book shows he had \$1000 deposited in the First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Black Hawk War Veterans' Reunion.
American Fork, Utah, Dec. 28.—The Black Hawk War veterans of this district are holding their reunion here today. It will conclude with a big banquet this evening.

MRS. FITZ WANTS DIVORCE

Wife of the Pugilist Moves to Dakota for Relief

SiuX Falls, S. D., Dec. 28.—It is learned today that Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, who arrived here Monday, has engaged the services of a local attorney to conduct a divorce case. She intends to secure legal separation in this state when she has established a residence.

AVALANCHE SLID DOWN ON THEM

Labore, India, Dec. 28.—An avalanche killed 22 native soldiers. Captain Kneollys was rescued by guards.

Mysterious Mrs. Corey.
(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Corey says she has been the victim of a conspiracy in the trouble that caused her separation from her husband, and intimates that when the facts became known some reports that have been widely circulated will be found to be without foundation. She says it may produce a bigger sensation that the public suspected. All efforts to throw light upon the nature of the conspiracy are unavailing.

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat 83 1/4 @ 83 3/4; corn, 47 @ 49; oats, 30 1/2 @ 31 1/4.

PETTICOATS
Black Mercerized Accordion Platted Petticoats to accommodate those who were disappointed in our recent sales.
\$1.35

Umbrellas
Time to think of rainsheddors. Examine our superb line of newest things in Umbrellas.
50c to \$15.00

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

Our Wonderful White Fair and Clearance Sale
Begins Tuesday, January 2, 1906

The bargains will be so unequalled in their money-saving possibilities that every shopper will be impressed with our determination to clean out our stocks regardless of the loss entailed.
THE QUALITY FIRST STORE.

SALEM'S SAFEST SHOPPING CENTER.

Toyland
WITH ITS WONDERFUL CREATIONS IS STILL CATERING TO THE WANTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED IN THE HURRY OF CHRISTMAS BUYING. IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY NOW AND PUT THEM AWAY FOR FUTURE BIRTHDAY OR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

All Remaining Toys
Balance of Week
HALF PRICE

TRUNKS
Another large shipment of the
Drucker Trunks
Reached us and we are in a better position than ever to meet your traveling requirements. The "Drucker Trunk" is the standard of all trunks. We have a full line of all grades.
\$2.50 to \$37.50

SUIT CASES
Standard grades of genuine strap sole leather cases; solid brass lock, reinforced corners, shirt fold in lid, linen lined, brown and olive color; strap or bolt fasteners. Best value in the city.
\$5.00

GLORIA SHOES FOR WOMEN
Embraces all the new styles that are shown, new lasts, new leathers and finishes. The most comfortable shoe for women on the market today. A most elegant line to select from, and all widths from the narrowest to the widest are always carried in stock, which insures a neat and dressy foot. Our price, while less than regular shoe stores' \$5.00 value, is equal in every way to their values.
\$3.50

Men's Clothes
Our lines contain all that fashion decrees. Our prices are lower than any other store in the city and are as high as the best quality and workmanship require. We take great pride in insuring you a perfect fit. You may select now at
Reduced Prices

Warm Underwear
The "Merode"
A common-sense under garment; all desirable weights and styles, in regular and extra sizes. These garments are Hand Finished which insures a perfect fitting garment.
50c to \$3.50

Ladies' Garments
Ready-to-Wear
The finest showing of late styles shown in this city. All the newest fancies and fabrics in a variety of colors to please your taste.
Reduced Prices

ONLY A HANDFUL OF Holiday Goods Left
You can have them at exactly **HALF PRICE**

WE ALWAYS SHOW NEW GOODS EVERY SEASON, AND MAKE IT A POINT TO CLOSE ALL HOLIDAY GOODS OUT THE YEAR THEY ARE BOUGHT.

Last Saturday, Dec. 23rd
WAS THE BEST DAY IN OUR HISTORY, WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTION.

Last week, Dec. 18th to 23rd
WAS THE BEST WEEK IN OUR HISTORY, WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTION.

Barnes' Cash Store
C. T. Barnes, Prop.

IS GOING TO BREAK MORE RECORDS DURING THE COMING YEAR BY RELIABLE MERCHANDISE AT RED ROCK PRICES WILL DO IT