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EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT IS NOT A SUCCESS

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 1.—After 18 months' almost uniformly unsatisfactory returns from their business under the workmen's compensation act, English underwriters increased the rate of premiums heavily today on this class of risks.

The law, which President Roosevelt is assumed here as taken as his model in suggesting extension of American employers' liability legislation, dates back to the middle of 1907.

It covers every imaginable class of labor, including even domestic servants, and is so sweeping in its provision as to leave practically no loop hole for the employer, however, free from responsibility for accidents to his employes.

Its passage was immediately followed by the issuance of a schedule of insurance rates framed to cover

every class and grade of labor at figures ranging upward from 60 cents annually per \$500 on domestic servants to much higher premiums on more hazardous risks.

Experience has shown that the companies figured far too closely for their own good.

The increase will range from 10 to 25 per cent, according to the dangers to which the insured are exposed.

On salesmen, clerks and teachers the underwriters have made profits. On almost every other class of risks they have either actually lost money or gained by the narrowest margin.

The big companies reckon 33 1-3 per cent for working expenses, and on claims an average of 65 per cent has been paid, leaving in the underwriters' favor a balance of less than two per cent, minus prospective losses on unexpired risks.

BOTH SIDES ARMED AND JUDGE TAKES TO WOODS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Jackson, Ky., Jan. 1.—With the judge "hiding out" and both sides "armed and anxious," the famous Callahan-Deaton feud is about to break out here again today as the result of the effort to bring Ed Callahan to trial for the murder of James Deaton, who was killed 1 1/2 years ago.

Telegrams have been sent to Frankfort for military aid, but Lieutenant Governor Cox, who is acting today during the absence of Governor Willson, has not complied with the appeals.

The trouble started when Ed Callahan, who was one of the most prominent figures in the famous Hargis-Callahan feud, induced Sheriff Crawford to bring him here under a guard of 20 deputies to face trial.

The Deatons came out in force when they heard that Callahan was coming. An armed truce is established today but trouble may begin any minute.

Judge Traub, who was to hear the case, took to the woods and has sent word that he will not hold the trial until the governor promises protection.

WATER COMPANY SAYS CITY HAS NO RIGHTS

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The possibility that the Spring Valley Water company will attempt to fight in the courts against the acquisition of a municipal water supply by the city, is being discussed today by members of the board of supervisors, following the receipt of a letter from the company setting forth its view of the plan.

In the letter, which is addressed to the Water Rates Committee, the company says:

"We are informed and believe that under the constitution of the state of California, under whose authority

and protection this company rests, the city and county of San Francisco will be unable to enter into competition with it, and that the properties of the Spring Valley Water company cannot be "taken or damaged without just compensation" and therefore, no shareholder need view with alarm the suggestion that the city will proceed to construct its own works."

Whether the Spring Valley corporation will argue that the construction of municipal water works will constitute a "damage" of its properties is one of the questions that the future will decide.

BROTHER, FATHER AND HUSBAND ARE KILLED

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 1.—Following a pitched battle between two families, a bridegroom, his father-in-law, and his brother-in-law are dead and a bride is on the verge of insanity from grief.

The difficulty arose over a recent marriage between the families. A month ago Ed Boothe and Nellie Goals were married here, although

there was objection to the wedding. The families met and a general shooting followed.

Boothe fired, killing Goals, the bride's father. The younger Goals, the bride's brother, then shot Boothe, and while the latter was dying, he fatally wounded young Goals, who soon died.

The dead men were well known, belonging to well-to-do families.

JEFFRIES REFUSES TO MEET JOHNSON

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Fifty thousand dollars is the amount of money Jack Wren, Melbourne fight promoter, is willing to give James J. Jeffries outright if the big fellow will agree to meet Jack Johnson at Melbourne next November, according to a cablegram made public here today. The coin will, he paid, says Wren, no matter what the outcome of the contest.

The offer is an alluring one, but not tempting enough for Jeffries. The retired champion has turned Wren's proposal down. The Australian promoter cabled Jeffries yesterday regarding his proposition and today the big fellow went back his reply.

NIGHT WATCHMEN GIVEN TO SLUMBER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—Following the theft of \$29,700 from the First National Bank at Monrovia, and the alleged discovery that both night watchmen in the suburban city have devoted several hours to slumber each evening, S. F. Compain and A. M. Rittenour are not on the police force there today. Their resignations were accepted at a special meeting of the town trustees last night.

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Report Is Doubtful.
(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Jan. 1.—No word has been received this afternoon from the torpedo boat sent to investigate the report that the Lipari Islands have disappeared into the sea with their 28,000 inhabitants.

The minister of marine doubts the correctness of the report, basing his opinion chiefly on the fact that the volcano on the Island of Stromboli, one of the group, was reported to have been seen in action, two days after the earthquake.

It will be impossible, however, to obtain absolutely definite information until the torpedo boat returns.

DEFENSE RELIES ON INSANITY OF CAPTAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Flushing, L. I., Jan. 1.—The attorneys for Thornton Jenkins Hains, on trial for participation in the shooting of William E. Annis by Captain Peter C. Hains, are reported today to be preparing a motion to dismiss the charge of murder pending against their client. Their motion will be based upon a resume of the evidence of the case showing that Peter C. Hains was insane at the time of the shooting, and that his shooting of Annis was unpremeditated by the defendant, Jenkins Hains.

Hains' attorneys are preparing a 10,000-word hypothetical question containing all the evidence so far submitted. This will tend to establish the insanity of the captain, and, if successful, a motion to dismiss the charge against Jenkins Hains will follow.

At an inquiry into the sanity of the captain, the hypothetical question will be submitted to alienists of both the state and defense.

MASQUE BALL WAS AN UNDRESS AFFAIR

(United Press Leased Wire.) Ocean Park, Cal., Jan. 1.—After calling a squad of policemen to stop a masquerade ball at Venice last night, Mayor Elkins admitted today that his action was caused by the scanty attire of some of the dancers.

The dance is alleged to have been on a par with a collee given by "Bathhouse John." The mayor, not suspecting the real nature of the affair, stopped at the hall, while accompanying his wife and a party of friends home from a watch party. After one glance Mrs. Elkins and her friends departed while the mayor summoned a squad of police and cleared the hall.

NEGROES MUST NOT PURCHASE PROPERTY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Jackson, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The Daily Whig today received a communication signed "Tennessee Division, United Night Riders" admitting the

posting of a notice on land recently purchased by Levi Chapman, a negro, warning him not to move on his newly acquired property under threat of summary punishment.

The message declares that the night riders will punish all negroes who attempt to buy land in the county.

WHY GIRLS LEAVE HOME FINE PLAY HERE MONDAY

The story of "Why Girls Leave Home", which will be the attraction at the Grand opera house on Monday, January 4, is said to be one of the unusual dramatic plays of great intensity. The story is that of a young and beautiful girl whose character is misunderstood by her elder brother, who seeks to drive instead of coaxing her and she is induced to believe that there is more in a "Bohemian" life than in the quiet life of her home. She is saved from the evils of that kind of a life by good friends and a constant lover, and all ends happily with virtue triumphant and villainy exposed and punished. Mr. E. J. Carpenter has spared no expense in staging the play; the scenic investiture being very elaborate, while the members of the company are people especially suited to the characters they portray. Seats on sale at box office, Monday, January 4, at 9 a. m.

New York Has Gay New Years.
(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 1.—Six persons were struck by stray bullets from revolvers of merry makers last night and are in the hospitals of the city today. It is feared that one victim will die.

The New York celebration surpassed all former ones. Great crowds filled the streets, cafes and restaurants until early this morning.

A Million in Greeting.
(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 1.—Revelers throughout the city spent more than one million dollars last night and early today in greeting the new year. Cafes, hotels and streets were crowded and restaurants remained filled until 5 o'clock this morning. The demonstration was sordidly.