

GERMAN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

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Pan-German movement of our enemies. American industries will be taken away from enemy investment and sold to American citizens. At first the idea was merely to take possession of the German stock in American corporations and to appoint American directors to represent that stock. Now the Alien Property Custodian is taking over the physical property of the companies where it is shown that a majority of the stock is enemy owned. Ultimately all of these properties will be put up at auction and sold. A plan for selling all this property is now being worked out. It is predicated upon the creation of some system whereby the Custodian may be assured that the purchasers are bona fide American citizens.

More Investigators Working.

At present the Custodian is giving his chief attention to investigating the extent of German ownership or enemy ownership in American industries. Until a few weeks ago the Custodian had no adequate system of inspection for this work. Now he has in his service between twenty and twenty-five investigators, it is understood. These men are experts in their lines and they are going through the country carefully investigating every line of business. In addition the Alien Property Custodian has instituted a working agreement with other agencies of the Government to locate enemy interests.

At the present time there is being put in effect a working connection between the office of the Custodian and the Military Intelligence, the Naval Intelligence, the War Trade Board, which has an extensive secret service of its own, the United States Secret Service, and the Department of Justice. It is expected that with the co-operation of all these agencies the Alien Property Custodian will be able to run down the last vestige of enemy investment in the United States before the year is out.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD.

(Compiled by The Chronicle).

Fire at Burquitlam.—On the 8th instant about 1,000 cords of cut wood were destroyed at Burquitlam, caused by bush fires raging in the Lake Como district.

Fire at Winnipeg.—On the 8th instant a fire occurred on the premises of Bright & Johnston Warehouse, Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, Man.; Maycock & Toms Produce Store, Crescent Furniture Co., Bright & Sons Crockery, and W. L. McKenzie Grocery, were damaged to the extent of about \$150,000.

Fire at Toronto.—On the 15th instant a fire of unknown origin destroyed the plant of Sander-son-Pearcy, paint and glass manufacturers, Toronto. Insurance as follows: Aetna, \$5,000; National, \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Monarch, \$1,500;

Atlas, \$2,500; Nova Scotia, \$2,500; Globe Indemnity, \$5,000; Ph. of Hartford, \$5,000; Ocean, \$5,000; National Union, \$2,500; London Underwriters, \$2,500; Canada Accident, \$2,500; Yorkshire, \$2,500; Royal, \$1,000; Glens Falls, \$2,500; British Crown, \$2,500; Minnesota, \$5,000; Fidelity Underwriters, \$2,500; Home, \$5,000; Ph. of Hartford, \$1,500; Occidental, \$5,000; British Colonial, \$1,500; Fidelity Phenix, \$4,000; North America, \$2,500; British Empire \$2,500; Queen City, \$2,500; Waterloo, \$2,500; London Guarantee, \$2,500; Imperial Underwriters, \$4,000; British America, \$3,000; British America, \$3,000; British America, \$1,000; Connecticut, \$3,000 Mercantile, \$3,000; North British, \$3,000; Northern, \$3,000; Queen, \$3,000; Sun, \$3,000; London, Mutual, \$4,000. Total, \$122,500. Loss total.

Fire at Pembroke.—On the 15th instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Thomas Pink Company, lumber manufacturers, Pembroke, Ont. Starting where the conflagration of the 1st instant finished. Insurance as follows: On Pink Schedule: Guardian, \$2,500; Employers, \$4,700; Rochester Und., \$2,500; North Western, \$2,500; Hartford, \$7,500; Canada Accident, \$4,000; North Empire, \$5,000; Ocean, \$10,000; Ohio Valley, \$1,500; National of Elizabeth, \$2,500; Ohio Millers, \$20,000; Lloyds, \$15,000; St. Paul, \$3,100; Firemens, \$2,500; Northern, \$400; New York National, \$2,500; Pacific, \$5,000; People's National, \$3,000; North America, \$6,000; Royal Exchange, \$5,000; Union of London, \$2,500; Stuyvesant, \$2,500; London Guarantee, \$2,500; Queen, \$1,500; Law Union, \$2,000; Home, \$2,500; Yorkshire, \$5,000; Hamilton, \$5,000; Merchants, \$5,000; Western \$2,500; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Mount Royal, \$5,000; Perth Mutual, \$2,500; Dominion, \$2,500; Niagara, \$2,500; National of Paris, \$2,500; North Western National, \$2,500; London Assurance, \$2,500; Pacific Coast, \$3,000; Alliance of England, \$5,000; Atlas, \$2,500; Equitable, \$2,500; Nor. Union, \$7,500; North Branch, \$3,000; Prov. Wash., \$2,500; National Hardware, \$2,500. Total, \$189,700.

On Pink Munitions: Brit. Empire, \$1,000; Stuyvesant, \$1,500; Brit. Dominions, \$2,500; Guardian, \$5,000; Great American, \$2,500. Total, \$12,500.

Imperial Munitions: Lon. Guar., \$2,500; Mount Royal, \$5,500; Brit. Empire, \$1,500; National of Hartford, \$2,500; Nova Scotia, \$2,500; General of Perth, \$2,500; Guardian, \$5,000; Can. National, \$3,000; Home, \$2,500; Brit. North Western, \$5,000; North Empire, \$2,500; Union of Canton, \$2,500; National of Paris, \$2,500; Brit. America, \$1,000; Liv. & Lon. & Globe, \$3,000; Globe & Rutgers, \$6,000; Hartford, \$5,000; Great American, \$5,000; Caledonian, \$2,500; Nor. Union, \$2,500; London Mutual, \$2,500; St. Paul, \$2,000; Queen, \$2,500. Total, \$72,000.

On Garage destroyed in previous fire: Commercial Union, \$3,000; Dominion, \$2,500; Brit. Empire, \$2,100; Great American, \$1,500; Canadian, \$2,500; Nor. Union, \$2,500; Guardian, \$1,500; North American, \$1,500; Continental, \$1,500. Total, \$18,600.