

Insurance Investigation

Interesting Disclosures as to Payments Made For Supplies.

Signature of Payee is Repudiated and Prosecution Will Follow.

Passage at Arms Takes Place Between Counsel and Hughes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—There was a sharp passage of arms at the insurance investigation today between Chairman Armstrong of the committee, Count Hughes and James M. Beck, for Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., that he had received \$800 signed by George F. Plunkitt. He testified as to his employment and when shown the voucher denied that he had ever signed it. He further denied that he had ever received that amount of money from the Mutual Life Insurance Co., or that he had rendered the company services. Mr. Hughes asked Plunkitt to write his name in ink on a piece of paper, which he did. This and the voucher were offered in evidence, and the similarity of the signatures was called to the attention of the committee. The sergeant-at-arms was thereupon sent to communicate with the district attorney's office, and soon Mr. Read appeared and he critically examined the signatures. Chairman Armstrong, when questioned about the matter later, said: "It was up to the district attorney."

There was no applause as Mr. Hughes concluded. At the insurance investigation today Mr. Gordon was excused from some business stand, but was notified that he would remain under subpoena until called.

John J. Cunningham of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., as examiner of the New York Life Insurance Company, was next called. He said that for five years previous to 1893 he had been employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of which Andrew C. Fields was a member. Fields is superintendent of the New York department of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. Witness said he was appointed insurance examiner by the superintendent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 1893.

Mr. McKean testified that he had examined the New York Life Insurance Company, the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the Equitable Life Assurance Company. He was excused, but kept under subpoena.

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Would Be Formidable

Joseph Hunter, C. E. Discusses Project to Bridge Seymour Narrows.

Cites Information Which He Obtained During Personal Survey of Spot.

Scheme is Feasible But Financial Outlay Would Be Very Large.

JOSEPH HUNTER, C. E., who has taken a prominent position in connection with important issues in British Columbia for the past few years, was interviewed yesterday by a Colinet reporter in reference to the revival of the scheme for bridging the Seymour Narrows. In reply to questions, Mr. Hunter said that amongst the numerous matters to which his attention had been directed in the past was that of bridging the Seymour Narrows. In 1875, he said, "in connection with the Michael I made a survey for the proposed crossing of Seymour Narrows, including all soundings in the main channel at what is known as the Eschscholtz channel, where there is 2,700 feet wide, with a rock in the middle, covered at low water to a depth of 12 feet.

INFANTILE BURGLARS

Six and Eight Year Old Boys Terrorize Binghamton, N. Y.

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The many burglaries of churches, residences and business places which have puzzled the police of Binghamton for weeks were cleared up this morning when two precocious infants, Frank and Willie Sullivan, eight and seven years old, owned up to that, alone and unaided, they committed the several crimes and revealed the hiding places of the assorted collection of booty.

Political Loans

Wreck Bank State Depository Makes Huge Advances to Party Friends.

Failure of Institution Drives Cashier to Suicide—More-Frenzied Finance.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 18.—After an investigation of the books of the Enterprise National Bank, it was learned that the cashier, Lee Clark, had made huge advances to party friends. The failure of the institution has driven Clark to suicide.

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