"All insurance companies authorized to transact fire insurance business in this Commonwealth may, in addition to the business which they are now authorized by law to do, insure property on land against bombardment by a foreign enemy. Contracts of insurance of this kind shall not be incorporated in any contract of insurance against loss or damage by fire, but shall be contained by separate and distinct policies. Section 83, of chapter 522 of the Act of 1894, is hereby amended by inserting after the word fire in the fifth line thereof the words 'or bombardment.'"

That bill and special policy will be in ample time for the battle of Armageddon or as occasion may arise, the cream of all the bombardment risks has gone to the foreigner and the alien, who bides his time and where a business proposition is involved is always wide awake.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

On another page we have the pleasure to publish a synopsis of the Report of The Standard Life Assurance Company for the year ending Nov. 15, 1897, presented at the Annual General Meeting, held in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 19th April. We reserve our usual analysis and editorial until a later date, when the full statement of the year's business will be published. Meanwhile, we call attention to this preliminary statement which shows satisfactory progress in the Company's business.

FIDELITY AND CASUALTY COMPANIES.

From a table compiled from the annual statements of the Accident, Guarantee & Employers' Liability Insurance Companies doing business in the State of Illinois we gather the following figures, showing the condition of the companies at the close of 1897, as stated to the Insurance Department:—

The total risks written by the thirty-three companies named in above table as representing their business in Illinois amounted to $350,229,514, for which they received premiums totalling $1,578,963. The losses incurred amounted to $749,844, of which no less a sum than $708,783 was paid. The risks in force showed a total of $267,485,232, the four foreign (British and Canadian) companies having $31,326,601 of the amount.

NAME OF COMPANY.	Paid up capital.	Admitted assets.	Liabilities, including capital and unearned premiums.	Surplus as to policy holders.	Surplus over liabilities, including capital.	Income.	Expenditures.
*Ætna Life Insurance Company—Accident	$1,750,000	$47,584,967	41,895,758	7,439,208	$5,689,208	$604,253	$519,352
Ætna Indemnity Company	250,000	262,092	253,966	258,126	8,126	20,322	12,845
American Bonding and Trust Company	500,000	607,730	582,030	525,699	25,699	181,973	122,755
American Surety Company	2,500,000	5,213,372	3,432,669	4,280,703	1,780,703	1,489,297	1,453,220
Central Accident Insurance Company	100,000	244,990	144,821	200,168	100,168	94,284	84,609
City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company	500,000	2,708,120	2,580,163	627,956	127,956	292,853	279,373
Continental, Assurance Company of North America	100,000	160,718	100,180	160,538	60,538	161,000	1,508
†Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation—Limited	250,000	1,087,078	946,882	390,195	140,195	1,108,937	1,076,741
Fidelity and Casualty Company	250,000	2,790,590	2,327,991	712,599	462,599	3,080,560	2,923,949
Fidelity and Deposit Company	1,000,000	2,359,274	1,440,649	1,918,625	918,625	900,529	642,364
†Frankfort Marine, Accident and Plate Glass Company	200,000	439,997	413,006	226,991	26,991	292,256	202,227
Great Eastern Casualty and Indemnity Company of New York	125,000	159,163	141,628	142,535	17,535	67,093	63,349
†Guarantee Company of North America	210,000	611,949	374,688	447,260	237,260	186,023	148,300
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company	500,000	2,207,638	1,777,402	930,236	430,236	995,676	886,675
Inter State Casualty Company	100,000	199,104	158,887	140,217	40,217	151,457	141,977
Lawyers' Surety Company of New York	500,000	710,028	547,195	662,832	162,832	112,656	70,079
Lloyd's Plate Glass Insurance Company	250,000	714,627	466,340	498,286	248,286	416,030	376,538
†London Guarantee and Accident Company—Limited	200,000	909,471	790,158	319,312	119,312	743,699	660,712
Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Company	100,000	497,132	239,693	357,438	257,438	279,044	240,819
Mississippi Valley Trust Company	1,300,000	7,009,529	6,351,272	1,958,257	658,257	498,021	358,195
National Surety Company	500,000	1,130,549	643,629	986,920	486,920	718,042	94,350
New Jersey Plate Glass Insurance Company	100,000	167,470	142,919	124,550	24,550	84,681	75,243
New York Plate Glass Insurance Company	100,000	365,172	218,042	247,130	147,130	233,674	186,673
*Pacific Mutual Insurance Company—Accident Department	200,000	3,229,675	3,170,565	259,110	59,110	1,103,011	1,056,124
Preferred Accident Company	100,000	552,145	410,351	241,793	141,793	946,645	804,043
†‡Royal Insurance Company	235,000	7,161,164	5,070,034	2,326,129	2,091,129	15,334	5,035
Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company	200,000	840,466	767,692	272,773	72,773	983,085	971,531
Travelers' Insurance Company—Accident Department	1,000,000	3,794,081	2,893,233	1,898,847	898,847	3,123,192	2,773,616
Union Casualty and Surety Company	250,000	718,902	660,073	308,828	58,828	835,843	871,152
United States Casualty Company	300,000	751,427	674,947	376,479	76,479	728,304	595,112
‖United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	805,860	835,020	874,469	766,411	39,418	108,520	74,285
United States Guarantee Company	250,000	440,832	329,901	360,930	110,930	119,643	100,483
§Western Insurance Company	100,000	120,471	112,380	108,091	8,091	16,762	13,275
Totals	$14,825,860	$96,582,958	$80,933,626	$30,475,192	$15,649,332	$20,692,703	$17,895,526

* The capital and assets of the company being holden for both the life and accident liabilities, these amounts are the same as in the life tables. † Deposit capital. —Impairment. ‡ The capital and assets of the company being holden for both the fire and accident liabilities, these amounts are the same as in the fire tables. § The capital and assets of the company being holden for both the fire and plate glass liabilities, these amounts, as well as income and disbursements, are the same as in the fire tables. ‖ During January, 1898, the capital stock of this company was increase to $877,600, and $52,000 contributed to surplus, making surplus over all liabilities, including capital, at that date $16,872.