

## PARAGRAPHS.

The Toronto Insurance Institute's honor roll of those on active service now comprises 81 names.

The British America notifies the removal of its Winnipeg office to 407-9 Paris Building, 259 Portage Avenue.

One result of the recent heavy explosion at Jersey City is said to be a considerable demand in New York fire offices for explosion insurance.

Between July, 1914, and December, 1915, says the Department of Labour, retail prices of foods in Canada rose 10 per cent., in the United Kingdom 14 per cent., in Australia 29 per cent., in Norway 34 per cent., in Germany 83 per cent., and in Austria 113 per cent.

Sixteen years ago a New York agent wrote a client for \$3,000—the first insurance the latter carried. He has continued writing him at intervals and has just increased the insurance on this life by \$250,000, bringing the total amount of the insurance up to a million.

A Lynn boat builder was smoking a pipe in the cabin of his power boat, and the gasoline vapor exploded. The owner passed rapidly through the companionway, landed in the standing room with his clothing on fire, and went overboard voluntarily. The boat was a total loss, and yet there are many men who tell you the stuff isn't really dangerous, unless you are lighting matches in the vicinity. At that, the ignition of fumes from a glowing pipe is unusual, but the Lynn man ought to know, as he was right there when it happened.

—Boston Standard.

The Insurance Observer of New York points out that the average assets of seventeen fraternal are \$24.44 per \$1,000 insurance. An equal number of leading life insurance companies carrying about the same amount of insurance have average assets of \$224.60 per \$1,000 insurance.

In Germany, if you have a fire, the first person who calls on you to offer condolence is the policeman, and you have to give proof that you were in no way responsible. If you cannot prove this, you pay the loss yourself, and you have to pay the City for the use of the Fire Department.

It is not without significance, that some labour publicists in the United States are now coming out in favor of company competition with State schemes of workmen's compensation on the ground that there is no hope of securing the best and cheapest system through a State monopoly.

Great Britain's exports for the first half of 1916 amounted to \$1,209,000,000, a gain of more than 31 per cent. over the same period of 1915. The higher level of prices and the fact that the returns possibly include munitions has to be borne in mind; nevertheless, the record constitutes a remarkable tribute to British vigour.

It is notable that during the present epidemic of infantile paralysis in New York, the agents of the leading industrial life companies are distributing much literature, in simple and concise language, concerning the disease and methods of prevention, while the agents of one company have been instructed to follow the daily reports of new cases and study the condition of the neighbourhood of their occurrence.



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