

FIELDING'S NEW INSURANCE BILL

NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS MADE

Changes in Investment Clause—Assessment on Companies Remains the Same.

(Special to the Times)

Ottawa, March 8.—In the Commons this afternoon Hon. W. S. Fielding introduced a new insurance bill with important amendments to the original draft of the bill of last session. The main changes made are in respect to provisions regarding investments and the view of meeting the objections raised by the companies that the restrictions in the first bill were too drastic. The new bill gives greater latitude respecting the class legal securities. The clause regarding publicity and the details of returns to the government are little changed. Directors are to be elected proportionately by policyholders and shareholders, two of each class to retire annually.

The clause in the first bill limiting the expenses of getting new business is changed to refer to expenses generally without specifying new business. The British life officers' actuarial tables have been adopted as a standard in the new bill. In the investment clause the principal changes are: (1) in bonds of any company secured by a trust company mortgage, provided this company be established for five years; (2) in a company's debentures of five years standing instead of ten; (3) in bonds of authorized companies which have paid dividends for five years. The old bill specified the rate of dividend must be at least 4 per cent. (4) in bonds of authorized companies as well as in 20 per cent of the stock. In the old bill investments were limited to 20 per cent of the total of the stock of the companies.

The old bill provided that securities, not legally held under the amended investment clauses, must be disposed of within five years. The new bill removed the time limit, enabling companies to hold all the securities held now. The bill was referred to the banking and commerce committee for consideration. The bill makes no change from the last year's bill with regard to the assessment of insurance companies.

ROOSEVELT AMUSED

AT DIRE PREDICTION

Laughs at Idea He Will Not Return From Africa Alive.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 8.—The ex-president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was called to-day to the publication of a portion of a letter which he was said to have written to Sir Harry Johnston, the English author and explorer, last December, in which the president was quoted as writing that the United States ought to have intervened in Hayti during the last revolution there and also in Venezuela and Central America. Mr. Roosevelt in reply to the questions about the letter said: "As a general thing when a private letter has been divulged, as this one has been, it is pretty sure to be more or less garbled." The ex-president was greatly amused at the dire prediction of Professor Starr of the University of Chicago, who declared if the former president carried out his proposed itinerary in Africa he will not come out alive. He laughed when he read the statement and then again as he read that of Prof. O'Kelly of the Columbia Museum declaring that Mr. Roosevelt will be as safe in Africa as he would be in the United States. With a laugh the president declared he would leave the controversy to be fought out between them.

PASSENGER AIRSHIPS

TO CROSS ATLANTIC

Will Go to Europe and Return Within a Week is Prediction.

New York, March 8.—Lewis Nixon, the well known shipbuilder, spoke of the possibilities of aerial navigation in an address at the Richmond County Automobile Club's annual dinner on Saturday night.

Aeroplane in war, Mr. Nixon said, would be used for scouting, the dropping of small bombs and the attack of large dirigibles. The field of the helicopter probably would be largely on the warship, because of its ability to rise without a start.

Cities soon would have regular landing stations on the tops of houses, Mr. Nixon said, and already persons were building docks where airships might alight safely.

Just as a big ship anchored far from shore in deep water, so the airship would anchor high up in the air and be reached by special elevators held by cables fastened to shackles on the ground.

Based upon observation and calculations made from results already obtained and hence in no sense speculative, it was safe to predict, he said, that the airship would soon appear with a length of from 2,500 to 3,000 feet, which could easily go with 100 passengers from here to Europe and return within a week.

RUMMAGE SALE

Successful Affair at City Hall Closed on Saturday Night.

The rummage sale, which was opened in the city hall on Friday under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, closed on Saturday evening with an auction. Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Fagan and other ladies associated with them in the work wish to publicly thank all who so generously contributed to make the sale a success; more especially Price Ellison, whose generous donation of a cheque for \$100 was much appreciated. The Victoria Transfer Company, also specially mentioned for their kindness and courtesy, both in calling for goods and in delivering the same free of charge.

The ladies wish to impress upon the public that no clothing was offered for sale by them which was not absolutely clean. The very few articles received by them, which were not in good condition, were sent in by the different stores. The unpacking and sorting of the goods involved a great deal of hard work, but the ladies feel so well repaid for it that they intend to make the affair an annual one. This time of course it was simply an experiment, but in the future, if friends of the society will kindly keep the matter in mind during the year, the rummage sale may take on more the nature of a bazaar when a better class of goods will be offered.

MAY BE NO STRIKE

IN ANTHRACITE REGION

Confidence Among Union Men That Negotiations Will Succeed.

Wilkesbarre, Mich., March 8.—Organizers of the Mine Workers union are to-day assisting in scores of mining towns in an effort to increase the membership of the union largely before the present agreement with the coal operators ends, on March 31st. There is growing confidence throughout the anthracite region that there will be no strike, and that the union will not order any suspension of work pending the outcome of the negotiations for a new agreement.

HATTERS' STRIKE

LEADS TO RIOT

Stones, Bricks and Revolvers Used—Several Workmen Injured.

Woodbine, N. J., March 8.—Several persons were injured to-day in a riot growing out of a strike in the hat factory here when a crowd of about 400 men gathered in front of the factory and not left their jobs. Stones, bricks and other missiles were thrown during the rioting. A revolver was fired and Abraham Willert, one of the men attacked, was struck with a brick hurled by some one in the crowd of rioters and rendered unconscious. Several others were hit by missiles before they succeeded in getting clear of their assailants and some were seriously injured. When the disturbance had been quelled the shops were closed down for the day.

A building permit was issued Friday afternoon to Mrs. S. Verga for a six-roomed dwelling on Princess street to cost \$1,800.

A man named C. Hanson was Saturday fined \$10 for assault on a Chinese. The magistrate said the action of accused was a cowardly one. The accused claimed he had not struck the plaintiff, but had struck and missed him and then chased him down the street.

The honorary treasurer of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledged with thanks a donation of \$20 towards the funds of the institution from Messrs. Hiram Walker & Sons, of Walkerville, Ont.

For shooting in the upper harbor on Tuesday morning a man was on Friday fined \$5. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Langley, who while superintending the dragging operation on Tuesday for the body of B. Nickerson, caught the accused man in the act of shooting.

The meeting of the police commission was not held Friday afternoon owing to the fact that Mayor Hall could not be present. The meeting will be held early next week when the question of an increase in pay for members of the police force and other matters will be considered.

A meeting was held on Friday in the Y. M. C. A. rooms to discuss the proposed new building and the extension of the present quarters. The following members took part in the discussion: Messrs. R. B. McKicking, W. P. Brown, W. S. Brown, R. B. Drury, D. R. Ker, Chris. Spencer, W. B. Fisher, W. Russell, R. C. Horn and E. W. Whittington. Mr. Wilcox, state secretary for Washington, gave the meeting the benefit of his counsel in respect to these matters.

The canvassing committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, Provincial Royal hospital, is kindly invited by Mrs. Fred W. Jones, 1750 Rockland avenue, to meet at her house on Wednesday next at 3 p. m., to discuss ways and means of extending the membership of the society and of increasing the number of friends willing to serve on this active committee. Any member or friend of the society who will give assistance in this regard, is most cordially invited to attend. There will be a redistribution of districts and it is hoped some new ones embraced. With the increased population and the increased needs of the hospital, a larger working fund will be necessary if the society is to be enabled to keep up its service and supply.

ROCKEFELLER TO

FINANCE ARCTIC TRIP

Ernest Leffingwell Preparing for Another Expedition to Far North.

Pasadena, Cal., March 8.—Ernest Leffingwell, Arctic explorer, government hydrographer and scientist of the University of Chicago, arrived in Pasadena from the east yesterday. He comes here to organize another expedition to the bleak Northern coast of Alaska, an expedition of which he will be the chief, and which is being financed by the University of Chicago and John D. Rockefeller. He will enlist his men and gather his supplies here and in Seattle for a long journey to begin with navigation in the spring. The last expedition, although fruitful of results, as he was concerned, was that of the ill-fated ship *Duchess of Bedford*. The vessel was caught in the ice off the Alaskan coast and crushed to splinters, and the crew, taking to the ice, and weary and trying march over leagues of floes before they reached land and safety.

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Will Be Held at Toronto on Thursday.

In accordance with the constitution of the Canadian Forestry Association, the tenth annual meeting will be held on Thursday, the 11th of March, in the office of the superintendent of forestry, Ottawa, Ontario.

Owing to the recent special convention of the association, held in Toronto, no set papers or addresses will be presented at this meeting, which is called for the transaction of the general business of the association, including the election of officers, the consideration of the place at which the next convention shall be held and other matters affecting the welfare of the association.

LADYSMITH DEFEATS

NANAIMO SOCCER TEAM

Wins Second Division League Match by Four Goals to One.

(Special Correspondence.)

Ladysmith, March 8.—In the second division game played here yesterday Ladysmith defeated Nanaimo by a score of four goals to one. In the first half Ladysmith had rather the better of the game and Sanderson, Morrison and Grainger each secured a goal for the home team. After half-time Nanaimo pressed hard on the locals, but could not succeed in penetrating their defence. After keeping the visitors at bay for some time Ladysmith broke away and Maguire netted another goal, making four for the home team. Nanaimo then made a last determined effort and Hewitt, in his new position of centre forward, scored the only goal for the visitors. The game was won by a bare score indicates, the most noticeable feature being that all goals were scored off passes to centre by Grainger.

Nanaimo Juniors Win.

Nanaimo, March 8.—The local juniors on the cricket ground here yesterday afternoon defeated the boys from Ladysmith in the island league game by a goal to nil.

The win practically secures for the local team the championship, which last year was won by the North Ward boys.

The death occurred on Wednesday at the family residence, Boleskine road, of May Ann Davidson. Deceased was a native of England and was 65 years of age. She came to Victoria over 30 years ago. The funeral will take place today.

The body of B. Nickerson, who was drowned on Tuesday in the upper harbor was recovered on Friday. Diver De Costa, acting under instructions from the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, found the body, being assisted by a volunteer company from the Eagles, of which society the drowned man was a member.

The police have been informed that sometime early Friday the barroom of the Dallas hotel was broken into. A large pane of glass in one of the windows had been removed to gain entrance. Nothing was taken by the burglar.

At the regular monthly session of Court Northern Light, No. 5,885, A. O. F., to be held next Wednesday evening, at K. of P. hall, corner of Pandora and Douglas street, a joint meeting of the Courts of Foresters will take place to make a presentation to Brother J. W. Bolden for his energetic and painstaking services in connection with the management of the concerts given under the auspices of the A. O. F. for the benefit of the widow and orphans of the late Brother J. Thompson. There will be a social time with refreshments. All members are cordially invited to be present.

The general business meeting of the Baptist "Baraca" class was held in Victoria hall Friday evening, at which the various committees reported fair progress during the previous term. After short speech, thanking the retiring president (H. F. Davis) for the faithful way in which he fulfilled his office, the executive presented the following names for office during the ensuing term: Teacher, Rev. C. Burnett; P. R. M. Whitehead; secretary, P. R. Pomfret; assistant-secretary, G. V. Bishop; treasurer, R. Taft, and the following: J. Dowsett, A. Middleton, G. Watson and C. Bishop. After the business was transacted, the ladies of the Philathea class kindly entertained the members to light refreshments.

Steamer M. S. Dollar is coaling at Nanaimo.

NEW FIRM

Victorian Boys Return to City and Take Over Sporting Goods Store.

The Victoria Sporting Goods Company has been formed under the management of Clarence V. McConnell and John P. Sweeney. These two Victorians have bought out the interest of W. H. Adams, Douglas street, and will commence at once to remodel and restock that store.

The new management announces that it will be an establishment of which Victoria can well be proud. Mr. McConnell is well known in Victoria, having lived here for many years. For the past two years he has been in Vancouver, but he had been back in his native city again. Both he and Mr. Sweeney were in San Francisco at the time of the disaster at 1906. Both came north, and while Mr. McConnell decided to remain in British Columbia, Mr. Sweeney returned to the Golden Gate. Mr. Sweeney became a member of the Olympic Club, and in the past year competed in athletic events in the south. Last year he played for the Olympic club in the California championship, as well as playing Rugby and soccer. Mr. Sweeney intends to enter athletics here, both the Victorians have been busy renewing old acquaintances.

HOW IT WAS BLIZZARD

HAPPENED ON MARCH 4

Washington Meteorologist Attempts to Set Himself Right With Taft.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—Just how it happened that there was such a blizzard in Washington on March 4th and in the face of his telegrams to Mr. Taft on the night of the third that the weather would be clear, was explained to the president to-day by William L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau. Prof. Moore admitted he had waited for several days in the hope that the weather would be clear, "pay his respects" to Mr. Taft. His explanation to the president was that the blizzard was caused by a climax of conditions of all sorts and that no such "high and low" ever before produced such a snowstorm.

NOVELIST AS AMBASSADOR

Boston, Mass., March 8.—For his share in the efficient engineering of the "steam roller" in New Hampshire when Senator Gallinger and others were set against the nomination of William H. Taft, Winston Churchill, the novelist, is said to be slated for the ambassadorship to Italy. The author has made no acknowledgment, but "pay his respects" to Mr. Taft. His explanation to the president was that the blizzard was caused by a climax of conditions of all sorts and that no such "high and low" ever before produced such a snowstorm.

EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR

Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 8.—Two strong shocks of earthquake lasting half a minute were felt at midnight yesterday at Guayaquil and along the coast. No damage resulted, but the populace was thrown into a state of great panic.

AFRICAN CONSTITUTION

How It Differs From Those of Canada and Australia.

Sir Richard Solomon, agent-general for the Transvaal, interviewed by a representative of Reuter on the draft South African constitution for the Transvaal, taking it as a whole, it was a most statesmanlike production. "Its distinguishing features," he said, "are the complete sovereignty of the central parliament and its elasticity."

"There is nothing to prevent the central parliament legislating on matters assigned to the provincial councils. It is this complete sovereignty of the central parliament in all matters which mainly distinguishes the draft constitution for South Africa from the British constitutions of Australia and Canada."

"The second distinguishing feature of the constitution is its elasticity. Parliament has generally power to amend it in the same way as it may amend one of its own acts. In certain few matters an amendment can only be effected by a two-thirds majority of both houses of parliament acting together."

"It is well known that in certain important matters, at all events, the Canadian Federal Constitution can only be amended by an Imperial act. This elasticity of the South African constitution, in contrast with the existing colonial constitutions to accept it with few, if any, amendments, more especially as the house of assembly of the future South African parliament, will be the provisions for proportionate representation and substantial equality of vote, should fairly reflect the opinions of the people and induce in proportion to their strength and influence in the country."

TIDE TABLE

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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for high water are in feet above the level of low water. The height is in feet above the level of low water in each month of the year. This level is not lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

PREACHER A HERO

IN FLAMING CHANCEL

Prevents Congregation, Fleeing Out of Church, From Becoming Panic-stricken.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—Rev. Fletcher L. Warton, pastor of the Smithfield Street Methodist church here, formerly of Seattle, played the heroic role last night when the edifice caught fire, just as the congregation was leaving the building. The flames started from the switch-board in the rear of the organ, and soon the church in which Dr. Warton stood was a mass of flames. With his clothing smoking from the heat, the minister calmly directed the congregation to leave the church in an orderly manner, but as quickly as possible. He stayed some men who were pushing the women aside, and warned them if they acted the role of cowards that he never would allow them to enter his church again.

It was not until his last-parishioner had left the building that Dr. Warton descended from the chancel. With the assistance of the sexton he put out his blazing clothing and directed the escape of the women.

The new organ, said to be the finest in the city, which was installed last year, at a cost of \$7,000, was destroyed entirely, and \$3,000 damage was done to the structure beyond repair. The Smithfield street church was erected in 1871, and is the oldest edifice in the city.

LOOKING FOR BUSINESS

Representative of Stevedoring Firm Pays Visit to Port.

Capt. P. G. Groves is in the city to-day looking over the ground in the interests of Brown & McCabe, stevedores, of Portland, Oregon. He will also visit Vancouver and if everything proves as he expects the firm will make a bid for the business at these ports. Capt. Groves has for some time been located at Portland looking after the interests of McCabe and Hamilton in loading and discharging ships. It is said that the business of Brown & McCabe has recently changed hands but will be conducted under the old name.

DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HAS BEEN FORMED

Local Members of Profession Organize for Mutual Improvement.

(From Monday's Daily.)

An organization among the resident dental doctors has been formed for mutual benefit. It is known as the "Victoria Dental Association." The object in view is to hold regular meetings when papers may be read or addresses given, dealing with subjects connected with the profession. Vancouver has a similar association and has been found useful.

The local body has now about twenty-two members and on Saturday afternoon the first meeting was held. Dr. Edgar, of Seattle, in the afternoon gave a demonstration on casting gold inlays. In the evening Dr. F. Verinder entertained the members at dinner at his home. In addition to the officers and others present there was also Dr. McLaren, of Vancouver, president of the B. C. Dental Association; Dr. Minogue, also of Vancouver, president of the Vancouver Dental Association, and Dr. Smith, of New Westminster, president of the Dental council.

Dr. A. Hummer read a paper in the evening, and Dr. A. J. Thomas gave a chemical demonstration of the dental uses of the Roentgen rays.

The officers of the local association are: President, Dr. Ford Verinder; vice-president, Dr. R. Nash; secretary-treasurer, Dr. P. C. Thomas; executive committee, Dr. A. Hummer, Dr. A. J. Thomas, Dr. John Harper. The association will embrace all the dentists on Vancouver island.

COMPANY IN LIQUIDATION

Toronto, Ont., March 8.—An order for the winding-up of the Canadian Tin Plate & Sheet Steel Company, Limited, of Morrisburg, Ont., has been granted by Chief Justice Mulock, on petition of the American Securities Company, a creditor to the extent of \$73,000. The liabilities are \$225,000, but the assets when realized on may show a small surplus. The liquidation entered upon is directed at the old company, not the new one.

OFFERED PRESIDENCY

New York, March 8.—An officer of the Consolidated Gas Company said on Saturday night that a definite offer of the presidency of that company had been made to George B. C. Cortelyou, retiring secretary of the treasury. He added that although no reply had yet been received from Mr. Cortelyou, it was believed that he would accept the invitation that Mr. Cortelyou would receive this offer upon his retirement from the Roosevelt cabinet have been current for a month or more.

Capt. I. N. Hilberd, of the firm of Barneson-Hilberd, has been appointed superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, with headquarters at San Francisco. He will assume his duties March 15th, succeeding W. H. Allison, who will be given the position of superintending engineer at that port. Capt. Hilberd will retain his connection with his own firm, A. H. Kress, who has been assistant superintending engineer, will take the position of superintending engineer, with headquarters at Seattle.

The steamer *Umatilla* is at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, being overhauled and put in condition for the coming Alaska season. She will be dispatched from here June 1st for Alaska and will continue on the coast run.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The Victoria Gun Club will hold the annual meeting to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in Weller brothers' offices. The plans for the season 1909 will be discussed and the election of officers will take place.

A special meeting of the Victoria district L. O. L. will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the A. O. U. W. hall. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. W. A. Gleason will give a recital in aid of the Y. M. C. A. in the hall, Broad street, on Monday evening, March 22nd. She will be assisted by Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Miss Cocker.

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