

PROBING OF THE CONTINENTAL.

Forces of the Insurance Commissioner and State Bank Examiner at Work.

MAKE NO STATEMENT NOW.

Manager Tyree Called at Office This Morning But Did Not Remain Very Long.

Governor Gooding's Visit and the Report That Tyree Recently Gave To the Public.

At the offices of the Continental Life Insurance company in the Atlas block an investigation was in progress today under the direction of Secretary of State C. S. Tingey, who is insurance commissioner for Utah. Actually engaged in the work are State Bank Inspector G. A. Glazier and Colonel Geo. B. Squires, chief deputy in the office of the secretary of state.

The men began on the books of the company, but how long it will take them to finish is an open question. Both Mr. Glazier and Col. Squires stated at noon today, when they stopped their work for lunch, that they were instructed not to make any announcements until after all their work was completed, and they construed this to mean forbidding them to estimate the time they would be at work.

GOV. GOODING HERE.

The affairs of the Continental Life Insurance company were the cause of a visit to Salt Lake yesterday afternoon by Gov. Frank R. Gooding of Idaho. He arrived at noon, and after a conference held in the office of W. S. McCormick & Co., left again for Idaho early in the evening. In addition to Gov. Gooding there were present at the conference W. S. McCormick, Frank Pierce, the company's attorney, and Hiram Tyree, president of the company. At its conclusion Mr. McCormick stated that he had learned enough since his return from San Francisco to confirm his suspicion that something was wrong, although he still believed that Mr. Tyree would be found innocent of any wrongdoing, despite the fact that his enemies had caused his arrest.

THE COMPANY'S REPORT.

In the investigation of the books, now going forward, it is hoped to arrive at a statement of the company's actual condition. On Jan. 11 a statement was prepared, and published, but it was not filed, the time for making such filings having yet several weeks to run. Considerable interest will be manifested in seeing how the two statements compare, when the one in course of preparation at the present time shall be given out.

The statement as published on Jan. 11 is as follows:

W. W. Wyllie, Bozeman, Mont.
C. C. Wyllie, Salt Lake City.
W. T. McGillicuddy, San Francisco.
W. S. McCormick, Salt Lake City.
H. Tyree, Salt Lake City.
F. C. Jensen, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

The financial statement presented and approved by the board shows a Statement of Continental Life Insurance & Investment Company, Dec. 31, 1905.

Capital stock authorized	\$500,000.00
Capital stock paid up	278,847.50
Amount of net ledger	146,052.40
Assets Dec. 31, 1905	256,911.92
Income of capital during year	44,023.95

Notes secured by mortgages on real estate	\$96,675.32
Municipal warrants	2,464.42
Collateral loans	11,750.00
Bonds and stocks	146,052.40
Policy loans	315.00
Premium notes	37,132.99
Cash on hand and deposited in banks and reported by branch offices	69,856.18
Balance due from agents	10,900.35
Interest due and accrued	4,409.07
Net premium due and unreported	24,826.44

Total assets	\$404,584.65
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LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$278,847.50
Reserve	96,163.79
Total	\$375,011.29

Surplus	\$29,573.36
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INCOME DURING 1905.	
Gross premiums	\$366,781.15
Interest on mortgages and real estate, stocks and bonds	11,205.15
Capital stock paid up during year	44,023.95

Gross income	\$322,010.25
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DISBURSEMENTS DURING 1905.	
Claims paid (death sickness and accident)	\$2,660.72
Paid annuities	210.00

Total paid policyholders	\$2,870.72
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Salaries of officers, managers and employees, taxes, commissions, agents' expenses, and other	\$150,688.07
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Total disbursed	\$213,558.79
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FOUR KILLED IN AN O.R. & N. WRECK

Train No. 5, Chicago Express, Runs Into a Passenger From Spokane.

CAUSED BY MISHAP TO ENGINE

Signal to Stop Was Given But It Was Impossible to Act in Accordance With It.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 6.—Meager particulars of a wreck on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company near Bridal Veil, involving passenger train No. 5, from Chicago, and train No. 3, from Spokane both westbound, in which four people were killed and two others seriously and perhaps fatally injured, have been received here. It appears that the engine of No. 3 broke down and she was waiting for No. 5 to pass her. Train No. 5 came along at great speed and was signalled, but an accident to some kind to the engine prevented the train from being brought to a stop, and she crashed into the rear of No. 3, demolishing the rear car, in which were six people, all of whom were injured. Four died shortly after being removed from the wreck and the other two are so seriously injured that they may not survive their injuries. The names of the killed and injured are not obtainable.

The fireman and engineer of No. 5 are both reported to have escaped by the bursting of the boiler of their engine, the engineer being very seriously injured.

The accident occurred at 7:55 this morning, a short distance west of Bridal Veil.

THE DEAD.
Edward L. Smoot of Portland.
Andy Edwards, checkman No. 3.
Man named Henry.
One man yet unknown.

INJURED.
Mrs. W. Riley of Walla Walla, badly injured.
James K. Russell, East Oakland, Cal., badly injured, may survive.
Engineer Swain of No. 5, Portland; scalded, not serious.

INSURANCE IN IOWA.

Thos. W. Lawson Arrives at Des Moines For Conference With Gov. Cummins.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 6.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston arrived in Des Moines this morning for a conference with Gov. Cummins in regard to the insurance investigation in Iowa. F. S. Montett, formerly attorney-general of Ohio, N. B. Roward, governor of Florida, Fremont Oiler, managing editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, and several Boston newspapermen accompanied him. Immediately upon arrival Gov. Cummins met the party at the Rock Hotel, and drove to the Chamberlain hotel.

CONTRACT SURGEON LEEPER.

Relieved From Duty in the Philippines And Ordered to Fort Duchesne.

(Special to the "News.")
Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Contract Surgeon John P. Leeper has been relieved from duty in the Philippines and ordered to Fort Duchesne to relieve Contract Surgeon Stephen M. Long ordered to Philippines for duty.

FELIX GAIDIS' CASE.

His Attorney Will Appeal It to Secretary of State Root.

New York, Feb. 6.—Atty. Rosenthal said last night that he would appeal to Secy. Root for the release on bail of his client, Felix Gaidis, the Russian fugitive, who is held on a charge of larceny preferred through the federal authorities by the police of St. Petersburg.

Rosenthal says that the larceny charge is a ruse to obtain the custody of his client, who fled from Russia to escape punishment for his political opinions. Mr. Rosenthal said: "My client was a private soldier in a St. Petersburg regiment, and was detailed as an orderly to Gen. Evgeny Lamanski, who lived in Molska street. The revolutionists gathered, the general being in sympathy with them. Gen. Lamanski was not suspected for a long time. His orderly became thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the revolution. "It became known to Lamanski some months ago that he was suspected. He fled to Switzerland, where he is now. Before going he did not forget his faithful orderly and advised him to go to the United States. He gave him 400 roubles. Gaidis, after many adventures, crossed the border, reached Hamburg and then came here.

VICEROY OF FAR EAST.

Gen. Grodekoff Will Be Appointed With Command of All Forces.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—Reports which have been in circulation for several days to the effect that Gen. Grodekoff, who was governor of the Amur territory during the Boxer uprising and who became noted for his ruthless measures in restoring order in the Amur region and in Manchuria, will be appointed viceroy of the far east with command on the 1st and sea forces, are semi-authoritatively confirmed. Gen. Grodekoff, who is 62 years of age, and a member of the council of the empire, left St. Petersburg last week for Harbin. Gen. Linkevich, the commander of the Manchurian armies, will probably retire. His name has been mentioned in connection with the viceroyalty of the Caucasus.

SENATOR PETTUS ILL.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Pettus of Alabama had an attack of illness in the Democratic cloak room early today, but soon recovered and took his seat in the senate chamber. Senator Gallinger who is a physician, was called to see him by senators who thought Mr. Pettus was in a serious condition. Senator Pettus is 64 years old.

UTAH MAN TELLS HOW GREAT INLAND SEA IS BEING MADE

How the Colorado River is Flowing Into the Salton Sink in Two Mighty Streams—Lake is Rising at the Rate of Three Inches a Week—It is Now Twenty Miles Wide and Forty Miles Long.

Manager Langford of Saltair returned this morning, from a trip to the Gulf of California and to the Salton Sink. He corroborates the reports from the letter as to the great valley filling up, and says the Colorado river is running into it in two streams, one as wide as a Salt Lake street, and very deep, and the second a great deal wider, and deeper still. He was told that none of the river is now running into the gulf, and the water in the Sink is rising at the rate of two or three inches a week. The lake is at present 40 miles long and 15 to 20 miles wide, and 100 feet deep in the deepest part. The Southern Pacific has been forced to move its tracks three times, and is now being compelled to relocate once more. This time, however, the railroad track is being placed so high that there will be no question as to its permanency. All attempts up to date, to stem the flow of the river, have failed, and unless something can be effectually done before the high water comes in May and June, there will be no doubt but that the inland sea lines will be reached again. There are a few boats on the lake, but they are small.

REV. G. H. SIMMONS' TROUBLES ALL OVER

When His Wife Went to Call Him To Breakfast She Found Him Dead.

EVIDENTLY A CASE OF SUICIDE

Was Under Investigation by State's Attorney, Two Banks and His Congregation.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 6.—The Rev. George H. Simmons, pastor of the First Baptist church, president of the Interstate Savings bank and the People's Savings bank and recently appointed manager of the Yates senatorial campaign in Peoria county, was found dead in bed this morning. He had been the object of investigation at the hands of the state's attorney, by two banks, and his congregation on grave charges and it is presumed to be a case of suicide.

The body was found by his wife when she called him to breakfast. Simmons left a letter in which he said this was his last night on earth. It said:

"No blame must attach to ex-Gov. Yates nor his associates. He simply gave me an opportunity which his opponents and my enemies have prevented my using."

The last line "that time falls me" should I attempt to write personal messages," indicates Simmons was dying as he brought his letter to a close.

Physicians, who were hastily summoned are of the opinion that his death was caused by cyanide of potassium.

The People's Savings bank, of which Simmons was president, in the workmen's quarter of the city, did not open its doors this morning. Cashier Look said it would remain closed until some future action was determined on. There was a run upon the bank yesterday and by 10 o'clock this morning a large crowd surrounded the building, clamoring for their money. The Interstate Savings Bank, of which he was president, up to yesterday, when his resignation was accepted, and E. C. Heidrich elected in his stead, was also the object of runs yesterday and today. Early this morning the bank building was crowded with depositors demanding their money. Cashier Ancker said they would be able to stand the drain.

Dr. Simmons came to the First Baptist church five years ago from Terre Haute, Ind., and had been remarkably successful. He secured national publicity two years ago by advocating a dramatization of the life of Christ. He became local manager of the senatorial campaign of former Gov. Yates a week ago and shortly after serious stories affecting morals were circulated. State's Attorney Scholes undertook an investigation yesterday and secured some sensational confessions from boys of his congregation. Dr. Simmons was 40 years old.

HAYES FACTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR ENJOINED

Washington, Feb. 6.—Justice Anderson, in equity court No. 1, yesterday signed an injunction against the Hayes faction of the Knights of Labor. John W. Hayes, Isaac H. Anderson, Isaac D. Chamberlain, Henry A. Beckmeyer and Michael T. Judge are restrained as individuals and as alleged officials of the Knights of Labor from injuring, destroying or in any wise disposing of the records of the order; from calling or holding any meeting of the general assembly of the order pending the determination of quo warranto proceedings on the law side of the court.

The defendant's name may not, according to the injunction order, effect a change of parties to the controversies involved, or receive any money from the members of the order or disbursing the same without keeping accurate books of account.

The restraining order is not to go into effect until the complaints file an undertaking to be approved by the court.

FOR CLEAN MONEY.

Rep. Fowler of New York Introduces Bill Providing for It.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Representative Fowler (N. Y.), has introduced a "clean money" bill which provides that any person or corporation having mutilated or worn currency may send it by registered mail to the treasury of the United States and receive in exchange new currency without postage or registration fee either way. The bill also appropriates \$100,000 for the transportation of worn out currency from sub-treasuries and fiscal agents of the government to the treasury of the United States and for the return of new currency.

LOST A LEG.

Stephen Markham of Robinson, Utah, left the Holy cross hospital today for his home. Mr. Markham underwent an operation by which his left leg was amputated at the knee. The accident in which he was injured occurred Dec. 29 at Robinson, when a log was rolled from a huge pile and crushed the lower part of his limb.

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Only railroad men and engineers know how formidable a task has confronted the Southern Pacific in the work of removing its tracks. It has spent millions in fighting the waters of this great inland sea without avail. For a time it would be successful, but for a time only as the waters would soon pass the barriers that had been built to keep them out. And now they are assuming such proportions as to command state and government attention. It is interesting to note that the Southern Pacific took a Salt Lake man down there to be division superintendent, and to stem the flow and supervise this particular work. The man is Howard V. Platt, who, according to all reports, has been "making good" in the most desirable manner.

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Mr. Langford saw part of the Beryl wreck on the San Pedro, and found the engine standing on the track with coal and other cars all backed up around it. Travel has been resumed by the use of a shoo fly track.

WINE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

Were All Sleeping in a Small Isolated Frame House in Maryland.

ONLY ONE INMATE ESCAPED.

Jumped From Window and Called Neighbors Who Found Smoking Debris and Charred Bodies.

Baltimore, Feb. 6.—About 3 o'clock this morning an isolated small frame house near the village of Curtis Bay, in Anne Arundel county, was consumed by a fire in which were burned to death nine colored persons. The only inmate who escaped with her life was Ella Webster, a woman, who managed to get to a window and jumped from the second story to the ground. For a few minutes after striking the ground she was unconscious, and on recovering made her way to neighboring houses and gave the alarm.

When the neighbors arrived the house was a pile of blazing and smoking debris, and when the bodies were recovered, nothing but the charred bones of the victims were left. According to the statement of the survivor, the fire was caused by one of the younger children who got up to stir the fire in the chimney place and accidentally scattered coals on the floor.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Young Children of J. D. Cypher Lost Lives in Burning Home.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 6.—The three young children of J. B. Cypher, all girls aged 1, 3 and 5 years, were burned to death in their home six miles south of Tib Timber yesterday afternoon, according to a special to the Record. It appears their father and mother were both absent, leaving the little ones alone. When the parents returned they found the children were playing with matches.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

National Ass'n Will Hold Thirty-third Reunion in Washington, Feb. 22-23.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The thirty-third annual reunion of the National Association of Mexican War Veterans will be held in this city Feb. 22 and 23. It will be the first reunion held at the national capital since 1886. Monroe Murdock, of this city, secretary of the association in charge of the arrangements.

DEBATE ON RAILROAD RATE BILL CLOSING TOMORROW.

Washington, Feb. 6.—An agreement was reached in the house today to close debate on the railroad rate bill at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

TWO MIDSHIPMEN DISMISSED.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Secy. Bonaparte today ordered the dismissal of two midshipmen Richard D. Desaussure of South Carolina, and Midshipman George H. Melvin, of Illinois.

BRITISH BARK BURNED.

Ansling, Island of Formosa, Feb. 6.—The British bark Mobile Bay, which arrived here Jan. 16 from New York was totally destroyed by fire today. Her crew was landed. The bark had 7,000 cases of kerosene on board.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Mr. Hale, who has been ill, was in his seat when the senate met today, for the first time in three weeks, and at his instance the senate continued to consider the bill for the reorganization of the dental corps of the army and the bill increasing the efficiency of the medical department of the army were passed.

Mr. Tillman's resolution for an investigation of the Chinese boycott was adopted.

THIRTY-SIX BODIES RECOVERED FROM VALENCIA

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 6.—Thirty-six bodies of the Valencia wreck victims have been recovered, including 12 brought in yesterday—nine men and three women. Of the former four have been identified as O. W. Ingleson of Fernside, Wash.; Gus Erickson of San Jose, H. M. Peters of Los Angeles, and Peter Glade of Brownville, Wash. Two others are thought to be the remains of J. B. Montgomery, quartermaster.

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Continuing, he said that he understood that the cost had gone up a great deal after he left. The organization was demoralized, he said, for the reason that the men had seen their chirk discredited and knew that a successor was to be appointed, who would not be in sympathy with the work that had been done. At this point a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

COLD WAVE IS SWEEPING OVER THE EAST.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A statement of weather conditions and general forecast issued by the weather bureau today shows that the cold wave has reached the New England and middle Atlantic coast and cold weather is general this morning east of the Rocky mountains except in the South Atlantic states, the temperature ranging from 10 to 35 degrees below the seasonal average. In central and northern New York the minimum temperatures were from 5 to more than 20 degrees below zero and the line of zero temperature extends into northern Kentucky. Low temperatures will continue tonight and Wednesday from the Ohio valley and lower lake region eastward, although there will be some moderation Wednesday.

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NEW YORK'S COLDEST DAY.

New York, Feb. 6.—Today was the coldest in the present winter in New York City, the mercury touching five above zero. This was one degree colder than the previous low record of the winter.

WARMER IN ST. PAUL.

St. Paul, Feb. 6.—Street thermometers registered 10 degrees below zero here today—six degrees warmer than yesterday.

EIGHTEEN BELOW.

LaCrosse, Wis., Feb. 6.—The mercury fell to 18 below zero and the extreme weather is interfering with the running of trains, all trains being from one to three hours late today.

TWENTY-FIVE BELOW.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 6.—At 7:30 this morning the mercury stands at 25 below zero. Yesterday's record of 23 below at 3 a. m. was broken at Hibbing, Minn., where the mercury fell to 31 below.

FORTY UNDER.

Rome, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Northern New York was today swept by a cold wave which involved greater hardship because of the unusual warmth of the winter thus far. Today was by far the coldest of the winter. One of the coldest points was at Camden, where 40 below was recorded. It was 32 below in this city, 35 at Northville, 28 at Johnstown and Balleston, 19 at Almarston and 30 below at Saratoga.

BELOW AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—With the thermometer registering below zero, Pittsburg today experienced the coldest weather of the winter. Last night the police stations were filled with the homeless, and a gas shortage in several sections of the city caused much suffering. Colder condition are expected.

FORTY BELOW AT PLATTSBURG.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 6.—A temperature of 40 below zero was reported today from Central Lake in the Adirondack mountains.

NEW ENGLAND SHIVERS.

Boston, Feb. 6.—A cold wave driven by a high wind sent a shiver over New England today. The coldest point was at Northfield, Vermont, where the thermometer registered 22 below zero. In this city and on the coast generally it averaged 2 to 4 below zero.

PATENTS FOR WESTERNERS.

(Special to the "News.")
Washington, Feb. 6.—Patents issued: Utah—Ephraim O. Engberg, Salt Lake, machine for trimming and applying shade goods; Frank D. Shepherd, Salt Lake, smokeless furnace; Idaho—W. E. Miller, Boise, centerless engine; William H. Grasser, Leand, by trap; Charles Peters, Nampa, under reamer for wheels.

Wyoming—Thomas Wildop, Mountain View, harness fastener.
Brahm C. Schneider has been appointed postmaster at Newton, Cache county, Utah, vice J. N. Hansen, degn.

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