

Insurance Companies Drop Lobbies in Several States

Noteworthy Absence of "Yellow Dog" Funds in Various Capitals Where They Have Been in Evidence in Other Years.

"STRIKE" BILLS FEW IN LEGISLATURES

Special despatches to the HERALD show that insurance measures are cutting a prominent figure in most of the States in which Legislatures are in session, but the volume of legislation affecting life insurance is not likely to be large.

While here and there agencies of the insurance companies are watching the Legislatures, there appears to be a noteworthy absence of "yellow dog" funds in most of the capitals and also a great falling off in the number of "strike" bills introduced for the purpose of tapping the "yellow dog" funds.

Kentucky alone reports marked activity by an insurance lobby. A flood of bills has poured into the Kentucky Legislature since the close of the session, and a small army of insurance company representatives and all the insurance companies are practically killed.

MANY BILLS PENDING IN MASSACHUSETTS

Forty-Five Measures Affecting Insurance Companies Offered and Laws To Be Codified.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] BOSTON, Mass., Sunday.—Massachusetts, the insurance laws of which have been reformed in Albany as worthy models for New York, is in the midst of legislation. The only law enacted, however, proposes ambitious work. This enabled the Governor to appoint a commission of three persons, who will re-write the insurance laws of the Commonwealth, which have not been codified since 1871, and will act as experts for the Joint Committee on Insurance, to consider with the insurance Commissioner what legislation is needed. Until this commission gets under way all Massachusetts legislation is held in abeyance.

KENTUCKY LOBBY KILLS ALL BILLS

Insurance Company Agents Head Off Flood of Measures Offered in That State.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] FRANKFORT, Ky., Sunday.—Soon after the present Legislature convened a flood of bills, proposing reforms in life insurance methods, was introduced, several having the endorsement of the State Insurance Commissioner.

OHIO LEGISLATURE PASSES FEW BILLS

Several Measures Now Pending Refer to Fraternal Insurance Organizations and Their Methods.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sunday.—Insurance legislation in the Ohio General Assembly has been confined to legislative features rather than investigation into methods of companies in Ohio.

COMPANIES DROP LOBBY IN IOWA

Announce No Agents Employed to Influence Legislation and Few Insurance Bills Proposed.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] DES MOINES, Iowa, Sunday.—Early in the session of the present Iowa General Assembly, it was announced by insurance interests that no lobby would be maintained and no important insurance legislation would be asked.

SOUTH CAROLINA WITHOUT LOBBY

Announce No Agents Employed to Influence Legislation and Few Insurance Bills Proposed.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] COLUMBIA, S. C., Sunday.—There is no "yellow dog" fund in the South Carolina General Assembly.

NO ACTION TAKEN IN RHODE ISLAND

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sunday.—For several years prior to 1905 money was provided by insurance companies to be spent in influencing legislation in this State.

LOBBY OPPOSING BILLS IN VIRGINIA

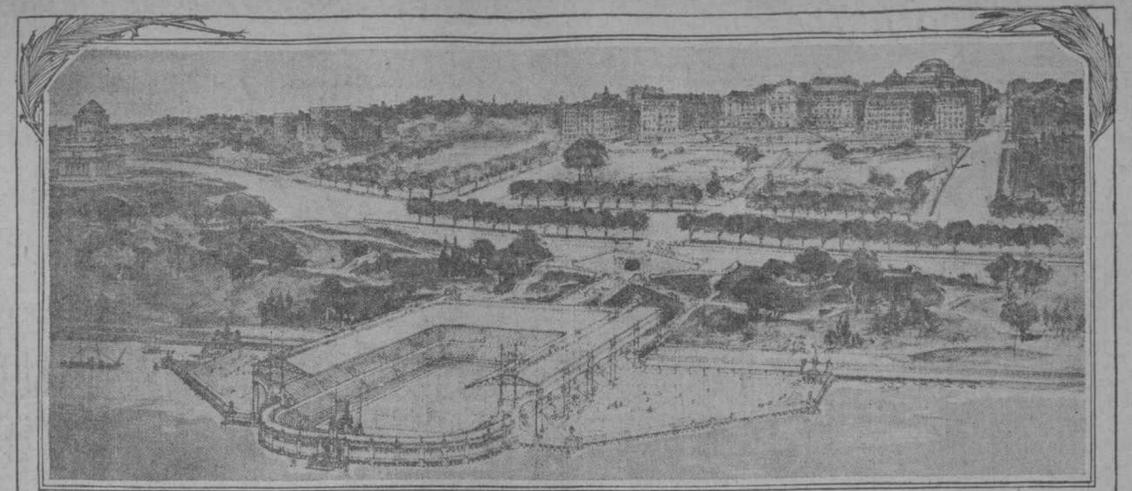
Drastic Measures Pending Provide for State Control and Regulation of Insurance Business.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] RICHMOND, Va., Sunday.—Important and drastic measures have been introduced in the Legislature looking to the regulation of insurance companies doing business in this State.

NOT ONE "STRIKE" BILL IN MARYLAND

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sunday.—Not one insurance bill has been introduced in the Maryland Legislature this session.

STADIUM AND ATHLETIC FIELD WHICH COLUMBIA WILL BUILD ON RECLAIMED LAND



Columbia University's Proposed Athletic Field

WILL ROB HUDSON FOR BIG STADIUM

Columbia University to Have a Million Dollar Athletic Home on River Front.

WILL USE RECLAIMED LAND

Plans Call for Recreation Pier, Water Gate, Grand Stands, Fields and Running Tracks.

Should Mayor McClellan and the city authorities approve plans prepared by a special committee acting for Columbia University, and there is no doubt that any reasonable concession will be made by the city, the university will have, within a few years, one of the greatest institutions for physical training in the world.

WOMAN MAY BE BY THE BLOW

Cora Wilson Found with a Crushed Skull in Room in East Forty-First Street.

WAS FELLE WITH HEAVY MEAT CLEAVER

Robbed—Exonerates Common Law Husband of Crime.

Cora Wilson, a slender young woman, occupying an apartment at No. 228 East Forty-first street, was the victim early yesterday morning of a most brutal assault, which will probably prove a murder.

COMBINE TO FIGHT INCREASE IN RENT

Seventy-Five Families Living in Williamsburg Tenements Will Resist Ejection from Homes.

POLICE PREVENT TROUBLE

Matters To Be Aired in Lee Avenue Court—Striking Tenants Will March to Hearing To-Day.

Rebelling against an unexpected increase in rents and determined to hold their apartments until a legal decision is reached, seventy-five families, comprising nearly four hundred men, women and children, who occupy the three five-story double apartment houses, at Nos. 91 to 104, inclusive, Cook street, Williamsburg, assumed so threatening an attitude yesterday that policemen from the Stagg street station were sent to the scene to prevent trouble.

MUST PUT STAMPS ON REFORM BOOKS

Postmaster General Decides "Patriotic Studies" Cannot Be Mailed Under a Frank.

VOLUMES ARE REPRINTS OF HEARINGS BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC AND KINDRED SUBJECTS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.—Postmaster General Cortelyou has put an end to the use of the franking privilege under the name of reform. The International Reform Bureau of this city, the superintendent of which is the Rev. Wilbur B. Crafts, sent out under the frank of Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts, numerous copies of a book entitled "Patriotic Studies."

RECLAIMS UCCESSED

Mr. Dresser is Taking a Deep Interest in the Matter. At his Home Last Night He Said:

There is every reason to believe that the municipal government will see to it that this ground under water from Seventy-second street to 120th street passed through the Park department to the Park Department. It can never be used for commercial purposes, and as the ambition of the Park department is to have the water front we will have no difficulty in obtaining the encouragement of that body.

WOMAN PITILESS TO AGED INJURED MAN

Opera Party's Carriage Knocks Down Peter Guchois and Occupant Urges Speedy Escape.

Peter Guchois, eighty-five years old, of No. 216 West Fifty-third street, is in Bellevue Hospital in a serious condition as the result of being knocked down almost in front of his home by a team of horses attached to a carriage on Saturday evening.

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ASK FOR THE EUROPEAN EDITION OF THE HERALD UPON ARRIVAL AT ANY EUROPEAN PORT. LATEST NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

TAMMANY MAY SEE CLASH

General Committee to Hold First Meeting of Year on Friday.

Tammany Hall's General Committee will have its first meeting since December on Friday afternoon. Several matters of importance will come before it. New committees will be named, and a prediction was made yesterday that there will be a break-up of Murphy and Sullivan leaders.

SIMPSON CASE UP TO-DAY.

Grand Jury Will Consider Testimony Against New York Dentist Accused of Horner Murder.

Another step in the case of Dr. James W. Simpson, a dentist of this city, charged with the murder of Bartley T. Horner, his father-in-law, at the latter's residence, in Northport, L. I., last December, will be taken to-day at Riverhead, the Suffolk county seat, when the Grand Jury will consider the testimony offered before Justice Partridge at Northport in the preliminary hearing, which resulted in the holding of Simpson on a charge of murder in the first degree.

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W. Bourke Cockran will be installed to-night as Grand Sachem of the Tammany Society to succeed Judge O'Gorman, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Cockran's elevation to the highest position in the society has caused considerable excitement among the members, who recall the bitterness of the fight between him and Richard Croker.

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YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

Fire yesterday evening: 239 A. M., No. 38 East Third street; occupant Maggie Geller; damage \$20. 2:45 A. M., No. 281 Station street; owner Max Blum; damage \$100. 3:05 A. M., No. 271 Broadway; owner Max Blum; damage \$25. 3:50 A. M., No. 140 West Thirtieth street; occupant James Egan; damage \$20. 4:02 A. M., No. 1402 Broome avenue; occupant John Murphy; damage \$100. 4:38 A. M., No. 400 East 100th st.; owner unknown; damage \$20. 4:45 P. M., No. 150 Amsterdam avenue and 153th street; City College; damage \$100. 5:15 P. M., No. 271 Broadway; owner unknown; damage \$100. 5:25 P. M., No. 255 West Forty-sixth street; occupant James Egan; damage \$20. 6:25 P. M., No. 74 Park avenue; occupant Mrs. M. M. Jones; damage \$100. 6:35 P. M., No. 74 Park avenue; occupant Mrs. M. M. Jones; damage \$100.

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GEORGE W. COCKRAN

Unthinkingly Exposed Methods He Has Used to Win Support.

MR. COCKS' "DISGUISE"

Secretary Thought Long-Island Man Was a Southerner and Made a Break (in Confidence).

MEAT INSPECTION SCARE

Money Given to Department in Fear of a German Tariff War Turns Out Clear Gain.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.—James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, recently unwittingly let in a flood of light upon the methods by which he has increased the importance and influence of his department, which is under such constant criticism for extravagance and partial inefficiency. Congress, which has grown weary of the constant demand for increased appropriations by the Department of Agriculture, is laughing at Secretary Wilson's unthinking exposure of himself. Here is the story:—

Representative W. W. Cocks, of the First New York district, is a Quaker. He wears habitually a broad brimmed black hat, a black string necktie, and sometimes a generously made frock coat. This attire is not only unaffected by many means, but it is also a mark of distinction. Mr. Cocks is not only a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Business took him one day not long ago to the office of Secretary Wilson.

"Glad to see you, sir," exclaimed Mr. Wilson, affably shaking his hand and slipping him on the shoulder. "Glad to see you. What can I do for you?"

Mr. Cocks was naturally pleased with the cordiality of this reception, but the next moment it was all explained.

"You know," continued Secretary Wilson, confidentially, "if it was not for you Southern members I wouldn't get a thing from Congress, not a thing. And do you notice, I am spending most of the money in the South?"

DEFENDERS AMB DEMOCRATS. Secretary Wilson enjoyed this little confidence immensely, but Mr. Cocks did not. He returned to the Capitol and told some of his colleagues from the North. They did not enjoy it, either.

It has been a noteworthy fact at this session of Congress that the most ardent defenders of the Department of Agriculture have been Democrats.

President Roosevelt, who has been keenly cognizant of the shortcomings of Secretary Wilson's Government, put a Keop commission to work on the Bureau of Statistics. Its report was unfavorable. Before the report was written Representatives Rowe, of Alabama, and Burdick, of Texas, both Democrats, the former a member of the Committee on Agriculture, the latter of the Committee on Appropriations, seized a favorable opportunity to lead the work of the statistical bureau on the letter of the Committee on Appropriations. They sought to show that its statistics were only slightly in error and they refused to allow Representatives Rowe, of Alabama, and Burdick, of Texas, as a cotton manufacturer had an interest in the statistics, to insert his remarks in the report. They were short of permit him to speak at any length on the floor.

Therefore, the House of Representatives seeks to curtail the expenditures of the Department of Agriculture, the influence of the department is exercised to defeat the economic policy of the President. Secretary Wilson asked for a deficiency item of \$136,000 for meat inspection. Congress refused to grant it. Mr. Wilson pleaded that it was an emergency item. Nevertheless, the House Appropriations Committee declined to include money for meat inspection in the Urgent Deficiency bill.

GERMAN TARIFF SCARE "WORKED." Friends of the department carried the fight on the floor. The possibility that Germany might raise a tariff on American meat on March 1, and that it was therefore needful to increase inspection so that large quantities of meat might be imported before that time, was worked for all it was worth. The Appropriations Committee had taken a stand against extra appropriations. It required the assistance of the Speaker to put down this desperate effort, to override this prudent policy. The bill was passed under a frank of a member of Congress.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General rendered a ruling against Mr. Crafts and he straightaway made appeal to Postmaster General Cortelyou. This gentleman pondered long over the case and to-night issued the following statement:—

"The Postmaster General has rendered a decision in the case of the use by the International Reform Bureau, which the Rev. Wilbur B. Crafts is superintendent, of the frank of a member of Congress to transmit the book and the free of postage, matter not frankable. The decision affirms the ruling of the Third Assistant Postmaster General that the book entitled 'Patriotic Studies' is not a public document printed by order of Congress, and is not under the law entitled to transmission free of postage under a frank of a member of Congress."

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"Look at your foot and jump!" he exclaimed as he forced the horse down. As the woman released her foot from the stirrup the man caught her and stepped aside. He let go the bridle and the animal ran to Seventy-ninth street, where it was captured by Policeman Ferguson.

To the policeman the woman said she was Mrs. A. Butler, of No. 56 West Sixty-sixth street, a private stable and there it was said Mrs. Butler was not known. Her rescue was Ronald C. Lee, manager of the Knickerbocker Realty and Mortgage Company, of No. 228 Fifth avenue.

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