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MILLS MAY QUIT THE EQUITABLE; COOLIDGE IS OUT

Melville E. Ingalls Also Likely to Join Other Directors in Leaving the Service of the Great Insurance Corporation.

T. Jefferson Coolidge, a Boston capitalist, announced in that city to-day that he had resigned as a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and that he had also sent word to the Board that under no circumstances will he serve on the committee named last week to select a fitting person to fill the office of Chairman of the Board.

This action of Mr. Coolidge was followed by the announcement of Gov. Higgins in Albany that he did not believe a legislative investigation into the affairs of the Company was desirable, because a committee could not obtain any more facts than will be obtained by Supt. Hendricks, of the Insurance Department. He declared that the Company would be probed to the bottom, and that Mr. Hendricks would do the work.

The resignation of Mr. Coolidge from the Board, following as it does the retirement of E. H. Harriman, Henry C. Frick and Cornelius N. Bliss, the impending resignations of Melville E. Ingalls and D. O. Mills, and the wholesale desertions of general agents in all parts of the country, makes the outlook for the Equitable very grave indeed.

Mr. Coolidge announced his resignation in a formal statement. He said he had been weighing the question for some time and that he had finally made up his mind that he would sever all official connection with the society.

Mr. Mills made no secret to-day of his entire disgust with the situation. He is going to make one last effort to straighten things out by having a man of force and experience placed at the head of the board, with power over all other officers, including President Alexander and Vice-Presidents Hyde and Tarbell, and in this he will have the support of other conservative men on this committee. If the ideas of Mr. Mills and the others are not followed out there is little doubt that Mr. Mills will retire from the Board.

Panic Among Agents.

The retirement of so many big men from the Board and the disposition to panic of the agents in other States, together with threatened independent investigations by Commissioners of Insurance from other States, has caused consternation among the followers of both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Hyde. The one balm for them was the announcement of August Belmont to-day that he would stick, for the present anyway. To a friend Mr. Belmont is reported as having said:

"I will serve on this Nominating Committee and do what I can to straighten things out. I do this only because I believe it is my duty."

Supt. Hendricks resumed his investigation into the affairs of the Equitable to-day and had three witnesses before him. They were Jacob H. Schiff, who was examined in private at No. 11 Broadway before the Superintendent began operations at the Equitable Building, and Gage E. Tarbell and Cornelius N. Bliss. After Mr. Bliss left the investigation he seemed ruffled. He went straight to the office of James R. Sheffield, a great personal friend of President Roosevelt, and was closeted with him for some time.

All eyes are now upon Mr. Hendricks. He is in a position to throw the fight either way. There was a report that he would not only recommend the removal of President Alexander and Vice-Presidents Hyde and Tarbell, but also of the entire Finance Committee of the Equitable for its part in the syndicate deals now become so notorious.

Asked about this by an Evening World reporter to-day, Mr. Hendricks said:

"I have not finished my report yet. Therefore I cannot say what it contains or what it will contain."

NO INVESTIGATION BY LEGISLATURE.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, N. Y., June 5.—Gov. Higgins said to-day that a legislative investigation of the affairs of the Equitable Life or any other insurance company was not, in his opinion, desirable, because a legislative committee could not gather any more information than Supt. Hendricks, of the State Department of Insurance. The Governor had a talk with Mr. Hendricks here yesterday, just before the Superintendent left for New York.

If legislative action is taken it will be based on the report of the State Superintendent, which will be filed on June 15. It is now believed that amendments will be recommended to the State Insurance law relating to the mutualization of the society.

"I am going west this afternoon," said the Governor, "and shall probably return before the 15th, when Supt. Hendricks is expected to make his report on the Equitable. Until I look over his report I cannot predict what action I will take. I don't anticipate that a legislative investigation will be necessary. It is possible, however, that legislative action may be desirable, but I don't believe that a legislative committee would gather information with regard to the Equitable that the Superintendent of Insurance is not able to gather.

"You may say that the Equitable affair will be probed to the very bottom, and that no man in any power any evil that now exists will be corrected."

"The probing to be done through the Superintendent of Insurance?" was asked.

"Yes," the Governor replied. "Insurance written in this State ought to be put beyond any question as to the reliability and honesty of the corporation giving the insurance."

Gov. Higgins was then asked if he thought that companies other than the Equitable should be probed. He replied that he had not given that subject consideration.

ADMIRABLE TOGO HYDE CALLS ON ROJESTVENSKY.

By T. E. Powers.

CZAR'S SHIPS MUST LEAVE MANILA AT ONCE OR DISARM

Washington Declares that the Russian Vessels Not Having Been Damaged by Sea or Storm Cannot Be Repaired at Philippines Port.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Admiral Enquist will not be permitted to repair his ships at Manila. This Government has decided that as the injuries to the vessels were not caused either by the sea or storm they will be obliged to refuse permission for the vessels to be repaired there.

To-day Secretary Taft cabled the following instructions to Gov. Wright at Manila regarding the ships:

"Time cannot be given for the repair of the injuries received in battle. Therefore the vessels cannot be repaired unless interned until the end of hostilities."

Admiral Train has been instructed accordingly. It was stated by Secretary Taft that if the Russian vessels agreed to leave Manila in their present condition they were welcome to do so, but as it did not appear that they suffered any damage caused by the sea or storm this Government was obliged to take the position above outlined.

In accordance with the above Admiral Enquist, in strict pursuance of the national policy adopted by this Government, will be allowed to intern his ships, the Aurora, Oleg and Zhemchug.

In case he does not adopt this course his only alternative, after the period allowed by international law has expired, will be to put to sea.

It is fully expected here that Admiral Enquist will decide to intern his ships and orders have been issued for Admiral Train to take charge of the details of internment if the Russian Government decides to follow this policy.

Secretary Taft has received a cablegram from Gov. Wright, dated at Manila to-day, saying that Admiral Enquist, in response to questions as to his plans said that he had so far no advices form his government, but was expecting instructions.

The President's decision regarding the disposition of the Russian vessels at Manila, that they shall intern or put to sea, is, it is said here, in accordance with the best naval opinion and is in pursuit of the policy of strict neutrality followed by the Washington Government from the beginning of the war.

It is specifically declared that there is no intention to show the slightest favoritism in the matter, and everything possible will be done for the comfort of the wounded Russians.

The ships when interned will, of course be allowed to be put in habitable condition, and such repairs as are necessary to keep them afloat will be allowed.

So far as can be learned, the Japanese Government has shown no concern regarding the course of action to be taken by this Government. Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, said today:

"We have every confidence that the policy to be followed will be in strict accord with the neutrality so carefully maintained by the Washington Government."

HONGKONG, June 5.—The steamer Zafiro, which has arrived here from Manila, reports having sighted a Russian volunteer fleet steamer, two supposed torpedo boats and a three-funnelled cruiser, accompanied by a deeply laden transport, this morning in latitude 20.69 north and longitude 115.23 east. The vessels were steering southwest.

BAD DEFEAT FOR KAISER'S ARMY IN AFRICA

Warmbad, German Headquarters, Falls, and Garrison Annihilated.

LONDON, June 5.—A despatch to a news agency from Cape Town says native reports have been received in official quarters to the effect that Warmbad, the German headquarters in Southwest Africa, has fallen and that the garrison has perished.

No news is obtainable except from native sources.

BRIDEGROOM, WHO WENT INSANE, DEAD.

STAMFORD, Conn., June 5.—Daniel Ottman, of Albany, who became violently insane in a New York hotel while on his honeymoon trip, died to-day at the sanitarium of Dr. Frank H. Barnes in this city. Mr. Ottman was married in Albany about ten days ago. He went to New York with his bride, and while registering at a hotel there became insane. He was removed to Roosevelt Hospital, and later to Bellevue. Subsequently friends brought him to the sanitarium here in an automobile.

A blood clot on the brain is indicated as the cause of death. Mr. Ottman was fifty-two years old. The body will be removed to Albany.

EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR FORGER LOBLEY

Swindler Got $27,816 Out of Equitable on Stolen Policy.

Samuel Lobley, who, although an humble outsider, got $27,816 from the Equitable Life Assurance Society through an up-to-date financial transaction, was sentenced by Judge Crane in the Kings County Court, Brooklyn, to-day to serve eight years in Sing Sing Prison. Lobley's counsel, George W. Martin, made an eloquent plea for clemency without avail.

Lobley was tried last week on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree. His crime was accomplished with the assistance of Emil Neumer, a clerk in the loan department of the Equitable. Through Neumer Lobley learned that a Boston policy-holder had borrowed $27,000 on a $50,000 policy and that the policy had been deposited with the company as security.

Neumer abstracted the policy from the vaults, altered the Equitable books so that the original loan did not appear and Lobley obtained $27,000 more. He repeated the trick twice after the first success, but the last check was stopped and he was run down in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Martin, in his plea for Lobley to-day, inferentially laid all the blame on young Neumer, although admitting that Lobley was an ex-convict and had served ten years in Sing Sing for a similar crime.

"His ten-year sentence," explained Mr. Martin, "was inflicted six years after the commission of the offense. When he got out of prison he came to Brooklyn and worked as an engineer. He was an honest man until these checks were brought to him to be cashed. His experience in prison had undermined his moral nature and he cashed the checks. He could not resist temptation."

Judge Crane was not impressed by the plea. He said that Lobley's experience in prison should have been a lesson to him. He took a chance and lost, the Court said, and must stand the consequences.

Lobley's wife was in the court-room. When she heard the eight-year sentence she became hysterical, and was carried out by court officers.

TOOK 9 POLICEMEN TO HOLD MORPHINE-CRAZED WOMAN.

Mrs. Lillian Dodge Had Tried to Jump Through a Closed Window —Taken to Bellevue.

When Mrs. Lillian Dodge, twenty-six years old, who lives with her husband on the top floor of the two-story house at No. 609 East One Hundred and Forty-third street, became violent from the effects of morphine to-day and screamed so loud that she aroused the neighborhood, some one telephoned to Police Headquarters that she was being murdered. The Alexander avenue station was notified and a patrol wagon filled with a roundsman and eight patrolmen was hurried off to Mrs. Dodge's home. Though they found that no murder was being committed, she was so violent that it required most of the force of police to get her into an ambulance and send her off to the Bellevue psychopathic ward. Dr. Lawrence, the surgeon, called from Lincoln Hospital, said the woman was suffering from chronic morphine poisoning. Persons who live in the house say Mrs. Dodge tried to jump out of a window while it was down, and cut her face and hands badly.

FIRE CHIEF SAVES MR. AND MRS. LITTLETON

Lally Badly Hurt in Preventing Borough President and Wife from Injury.

But for the courage of Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Lally and his chauffeur, Fireman Edward L. Tarlton, Borough President Martin W. Littleton and Mrs. Littleton, of Brooklyn, would have been seriously injured if not killed this afternoon. Lally was on his way to a fire in his big Panhard automobile when the Littleton automobile crossed just in front of it. Lally was going between thirty and forty miles an hour, but rather than run Mr. and Mrs. Littleton down he had his car turned into a Smith street trolley car. Lally was badly injured as the result of the accident.

Chief Lally is deputy in charge of Brooklyn and Queens, and because of his extensive territory had a very powerful and swift automobile. When a second alarm came in from Court street and First place to-day Lally jumped in the car, Tarlton took the lever and Fireman Thomas Durand sat beside the Chief.

Had to Decide Quickly.

Tarlton lost no time in getting to Smith street, and started down on the car tracks at full speed, ringing his bell furiously. The car passed Schermerhorn street all right, but nearing the corner of State street the Littleton automobile suddenly appeared.

A collision was inevitable and it meant almost certain death to at least one of those in the other machine, for the Littleton car is a light one, while the Panhard is a tremendous machine and would have gone through the other like paper.

Chief Lally saw who was in the other car. A Smith street car bound north had just come alongside of him and there was no turning out, so Lally quickly said to Tarlton:

"Run into the car!"

Tarlton didn't hesitate for the fraction of a second. The big Panhard turned straight into the trolley- car, and struck it a terrific blow. The car was raised from the tracks, and Lally, Tarlton and Durand shot out of the automobile and landed several feet away. Tarlton and Durand lay stunned for several seconds, then got up, rubbed their heads and were all right again, except for an ugly lump each on the head.

All Severely Cut.

But Chief Lally was knocked completely out. From several cuts in his head the blood was flowing. Citizens carried him into a nearby grocery store and three doctors from the vicinity were soon working over him. An ambulance surgeon was also sent for and the four men finally succeeded in restoring Lally to consciousness. He was then removed to his home. The cut in his head is a bad one and he will probably be laid up for some time.

The passengers in the trolley car were shaken up by the force of the collision, but no one was injured.

NEW HAVEN ROAD TO SPEND $1,000,000.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 5.—It has been definitely decided by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company that it will expend $1,000,000 upon locomotive repair shops at Norwood, Mass., substantially duplicating the present large car repair shops here.

$50,000 FOR MAN THREATENING GIRL

John J. Tonkin Seeks Mysterious Scoundrel Who Writes Terrorizing Letters—Little Child Constantly Kept Under Strict Surveillance.

(Special to The Evening World.)

OSWEGO, June 5.—Tired of being harassed by a letter-writer who for two years has threatened to kidnap and do bodily harm to his twelve-year-old daughter Rosamond, and whose latest communication demanded $50,000 blackmail, John Jay Tonkin, one of Oswego's wealthiest manufacturers, says that he will give that sum to discover who the guilty person is.

The writer is something of an artist, because he has illustrated seevral of his communications with sketches of little Rosamond, one of them showing her with a gun pointed toward her head and another picturing the little girl as being chloroformed.

Notwithstanding these threats not once in the child's life has anybody made any apparent effort to seize her, although there have been opportunities, and this only serves to add to the mystery. Mr. Tonkin, who is in Detroit for a few days, did not offer the reward formally, but, mentioning the sum demanded of him, said he would give that much to locate the writer.

Private detectives have undertaken to locate the fellow, for a man they are certain it is, and new two New York Central detectives are helping. The Oswego police have suspicions, but have not succeeded in locating the letter-writer to their satisfaction.

Three years ago one of the Tonkins's three daughters, Virginia, died, and the body of the child was embalmed and retained in the magnificent Tonkin home, surrounded by flowers, for eight months before burial. Her room and her clothes are still kept just as she left them.

Another trouble came to the family a few months ago when Harold G. Tonkin, the son, secretly wed Caroline H. Surbuck, a New York model, and after a separation arranged by his parents married Eugenie Bashford, a chorus girl.

Mr. Tonkin had much trouble and notoriety straightening out this tangle. The beginning of the threats against the little girl led to a curtailment of Rosamond's freedom, and Mrs. Tonkin says she is afraid that this is undermining her daughter's health, besides that of her parents. The child is always accompanied by a male servant, even when she goes to school or to play in the yard. She is never out of the sight of such a companion.

Mrs. Tonkin has sought relief in the country, at the seashore and in New York, but without being able to escape the letter-writer. Finally they returned here, and Mr. Tonkin made up his mind to find out definitely who is guilty, even if it costs him $50,000.

ADVISORY BOARD NAMED BY M'ADOO

Committee of Six Well-Known Citizens Agree to Consult with Commissioner on Promotions in the Force.

Commissioner McAdoo to-day named the six men who have agreed to act as an Advisory Committee on all Police Department promotions in the future. They are David McClure, Col. Robert Dyer, John D. Crimmins, R. A. C. Smith, Francis Lynde Stetson and Walter Oakman.

The members of the committee will assemble at Police Headquarters with the Commissioner to-morrow and the whole subject of police advancement will be discussed.

CENSUS TAKER FINDS A CORPSE

Aged Spinster Stretched Dead Upon a Row of Chairs Discovered in a Second Avenue Tenement House.

When the census man came to make up his list of the occupants of the tenement house at No. 619 Second avenue, his last visit was to the flat of Amelia A. Irwin, an aged spinster, who had lived alone in three little rooms on the top floor for forty years.

She had not been seen about since Friday, the neighbors told the census man, and he knocked vigorously. Getting no response, he looked through the keyhole and saw the woman stretched out in a blanket on five chairs.

Calling a policeman, the door was forced. The woman had been dead, the Coroner said, three days. For some reason she had made a couch of the five chairs instead of going to bed. The little flat was in perfect order, the bed made with scrupulous neatness. A brother who lives in the Bronx was notified of his sister's death. The cause was heart failure.

HERO COMES NEAR MAKING LAST RESCUE

Roundsman O'Laughlin's Life Even Now in the Balance in Hospital.

If Roundsman Michael O'Laughlin ever gets out of the Williamsburg Hospital, where he was taken to-day from the East River, he should receive another medal for heroism to add to his already brilliant collection.

The young roundsman and Policeman Burke, both of the Clymer Street Station, were standing at the head of the Division avenue pier to-day when they heard a splash and a scream of fear. O'Laughlin has pulled a dozen men, women and children out of the river, and it has become a matter of custom with him to act on the instant.

Whipping off his coat and helmet and tossing his belt and revolver to the ground he sprinted to the end of the pier and threw himself head first into the river.

When O'Laughlin rose to the surface he saw fifty feet from him the head of a gray-haired man bobbing above the surface, his arms beating wildly in an effort to keep above the water. With powerful overhand strokes the policeman struck out for the helpless old man, almost reaching him as he sank beneath the current.

The roundsman did not wait for him to come up, but dived and got him by his long, gray hair. When the two came up again they were in the race-like current that Williamsburg water rats (the small boy kind) know as the Pollions.

Struggle as he would O'Laughlin could not get out of the grip of this current, and every now and then the grip of the tide would pull him down. Both he and the old man he sought to save would have drowned had not Policeman Burke displayed rare presence of mind. Getting a long coil of rope Burke had raced around from the Division avenue pier to the Havemeyer dock.

He got there at the psychological moment and threw out the rope to the roundsman.

O'Laughlin had just strength enough to catch it and hold on. The old man in his grasp had become unconscious and his weight kept the policeman's chin under water.

Burke had not strength enough to pull the two men out of the current's grasp, but several dockhands came to his assistance. Slowly they dragged the men toward the pier. Then a ladder was put down and the drowning men were lifted to safety. Both were unconscious when carried into one of the offices of the refinery and an ambulance was hurried from the Williamsburg Hospital.

The surgeons say that both are in immediate peril from their immersion.

BUILDING WRECKERS FINED.

Fifteen Failed to Sprinkle Debris Thoroughly.

Fifteen wreckers of buildings were fined amounts from $5 to $15 in the Court of Special Sessions to-day for not sprinkling thoroughly the debris before removing it through the streets in carts.

Justice McKeon, who presided, said the dust nuisance from this source was becoming so flagrant that contractors who offend in his respect in the future will be in danger of being sent to jail.

Andrew Neuberg, of No. 121 Rivington street, and Bernard Siegal, of No. 420 East Third street, were the men who were assessed $15. Most of the others paid $10 fines.

CRAIN QUITS AS TENEMENT COMMISSIONER

Resignation Is Accepted and Successor May Be a Citizens' Union Man.

The resignation of Thomas C. T. Crain as Tenement-House Commissioner was forwarded to Mayor McClellan to-day and was accepted. Mr. Crain, who is in poor health, will sail for Europe shortly, to return in September, when he will take charge of the Tammany campaign in a capacity he has occupied for many years in the organization.

For several days past Mr. Crain has been confined to his home and his doctors have advised him that he needs a sea voyage and a rest. Inasmuch as he is depended upon to do important work for the Tammany organization next fall and will have need of all his strength at that time he determined to abandon the Tenement-House Commission and take a trip to Europe.

While no definite information as to Mr. Crain's successor is obtainable, it is understood that the evolution of local politics in the past few weeks will open the place to a man affiliated with the Citizens' Union. Such an appointment would serve to make easier an alliance between the Citizens' Union and Tammany Hall in the approaching election. Politicians would not be surprised if Mayor McClellan should appoint a prominent east-side settlement worker as Tenement House Commissioner. Mr. Crain, it is said, has assurances that Tammany Hall will take care of him in a position of more dignity and importance, not so encumbered with hard work.

Mayor McClellan said later that he had accepted the resignation. Asked if he had any one to fill the vacancy, he said:

"Yes. I have a man in mind that I think will fill the place well, but as I have not been able to connect with him as yet I think it not advisable to give his name."

ODELL ON THE OCEAN HEADS FOR HOME.

LONDON, June 5.—Ex-Gov. Benjamin B. Odell, of New York, is on the ocean heading for home. He sailed from Southampton on Saturday on the American liner St. Louis.

Thomas L. Hamilton was a fellow passenger.

DIED.

BOLAND.—June 3, ANDREW BOLAND, son of the late Michael and Catharine Boland, and brother of Thomas, James and Catharine Boland, in his fifty-ninth year. Funeral from his late residence, 50 Eldridge street, Tuesday, June 6, at 2 P. M.