

PRESIDENT M'CURDY PLEADS IGNORANCE

Says the Actuary Must Tell About Decreased Dividends on Paid-Up Policies--Confesses that He Does Not Know About It.

understood in a vague way that there was a "legislative understanding" between the Mutual, the Equitable and the New York Life.

Q. In what sense was it to the interest of policy-holders to oppose the measure? A. I don't suppose I paid the least attention to what the services were.

Some questions were asked about a "bonorum" paid William Barnes, sr., from which it appeared he received a retainer from the company for legal services.

For Special Services. On Jan. 6, 1904, a check for \$5,000 was paid to William A. Fricke by the Mutual Life to the order of Charlton T. Lewis.

In Charlton T. Lewis's letter to President McCurdy he said: "Pay this to Mr. Fricke for special services. He will see that the Mutual does not suffer harm."

Two more payments to Andrew Hamilton were made for \$1,000 and \$1,000. A payment of \$100 to S. S. O'Brien, the Captain of the State of Michigan.

Just to Get the Facts. "This is an inquiry to get at the facts of the conduct of life insurance companies--your's and others."

Declines to Answer. Here Senator Armstrong tried his hand and McCurdy answered:

IF I BEGAN ON ANY EXPLANATION OF THAT I WILL BE LED TO A WILDERNESS OF QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO SOME OTHER PERSON FOR ANSWER, I AM NOT THE PROPER PERSON.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. H. B. BIRD, BLEEDING OF PROSTRATED PILLS. YOUR DRUGGIST WILL RETURN MONEY IF PAINFUL REMEDY FAILS TO CURE IN 10 TO 14 DAYS.

THE TWO M'CURDYS, FATHER AND SON, (Photographed Especially for The Evening World at the Legislative Hearing.)



R. A. McCurdy. R. H. McCurdy.

a matter of preference for me to address to the position I take.

Takes a Fresh Tack. Hughes probed him with the original question, but with no results.

Q. Whether you think it pertinent or not, have you anything to say upon this phase of it? A. I have simply to say that when the matter of my salary was introduced here for discussion, I am not going to discuss it in a self-complimentary way.

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Situation Not Unsolved. The Chairman--That is not the way to solve this situation we have before us.

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POLICE TRAIL MAN WHO SHOT YOUNG WOMAN

Victim Was Found in the Bronx with Three Serious Bullet Wounds.

A young woman giving the name of Minnie Brusca is dying in Lebanon Hospital with three bullet wounds in her head, and has given information upon which the police of the Morrisania station expect to arrest before many hours the man who fired the shots.

The shooting of the girl was a particularly brutal piece of work, inasmuch as after firing two bullets into her head and leaving her for dead, the would-be murderer walked around the neighborhood and finding that no one had approached his victim returned to find her alive after three-quarters of an hour and shot her again.

Elaborate plans were laid by the murderer to make it appear a case of suicide. The revolver was left near her, together with a note indicating contemplated suicide and a bottle of carbolic acid.

The surgeons in Lebanon Hospital, after probing for the bullets to-day, say that the young woman could not possibly have shot herself the third time. Any two of the shots would have certainly rendered her unconscious.

Standing in the immigrant pen at Ellis Island to-day Ben Benson, able seaman, told how he had gone six days without food or drink in a dory off the Grand Banks.

Lost in Fog Blanket. Capt. Pluge, of the Arbutus, on Sept. 1 last, gave orders to the two to lay out trawls. The men had laid out clear sky, when suddenly, from a distance, a fog so thick that it was like a wet blanket.

Saved on Sixth Day. Six days had passed since the dory had been carried away from the ship and it was a race between help and death.

ODDS FAVOR MR. M'CLELLAN. No Actual Bets Were Recorded To-Day, but Down in Wall Street the Mayor is Quoted at 3 to 1.

ODDS ON M'CLELLAN IN WALL STREET TODAY WERE FROM 2 TO 3-1 TO 1 OVER THE "REID." No bets were recorded but the general talk on the curb market placed these odds.

There was also some Hestert talk on the curb. This related to proposals to bet that he would poll 100,000 votes.

CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE DUE TO AUTO DRIVER

Chauffeur Annoyed Roosevelt Who Gives Cabinet Members Power of Dismissal.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17--An amendment to the civil service rules, sweeping and comprehensive in its character, was authorized to-day by President Roosevelt. Hereafter a Cabinet officer will have the power to remove summarily and without hearing, any civil service employee in his department who, to the personal knowledge of the head of the department, has been guilty of misconduct or who is inefficient in the performance of his duties.

By the terms of the amendment, the Cabinet officer must have personal knowledge of the misconduct or inefficiency of the employee whom he proposes to discharge. With this personal knowledge the power of the head of the department is absolute.

While members of the Cabinet frequently have discussed such an amendment to the civil service rules as was authorized to-day, the subject was brought directly to the attention of President Roosevelt recently by the misconduct of a chauffeur of one of the Government automobiles.

The driver of the automobile piloted his machine directly in the way of the President's carriage and seemed to take delight in cutting him out of the road. When the President learned that the chauffeur was he said he ought to be discharged as incapable of operating the machine. The subject was crossed by members of the Cabinet and the decision was reached to make the amendment to the civil service rules in order that misconduct of a Government employee might be made the cause for instant dismissal.

Two Men Seen with Girl. The young woman was seen in Croton Park just before dark asking to see a young man. She seemed to be trying to persuade him to leave the neighborhood.

Before the girl was removed to Lebanon Hospital a careful examination of the spot where she was found was made. It was apparent that she had not been shot from a distance of two or three feet when she fell from the wagon. The pistol was some distance from her. So was the letter and the bottle of carbolic acid.

Neither the girl nor her assailant was seen to enter the wagon yard of the premises of one to another without being observed from the street.

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ASLEEP IN AUTO, CRASHES INTO 'L' PILLAR

Chauffeur Lands on Face and Two Woman Friends Are Bruised.

Joseph Ramero fell asleep in an automobile he was running down Eighth avenue, in Harlem, to-day, and no one knows how many blocks the machine sped along at the rate of ten miles an hour steering itself. Near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street the car turned and crashed head on into an "L" pillar, throwing Ramero out and scaring two women in the rear seat half to death. The collision effectually arrested the chauffeur and put the machine out of business.

Ramero lives at No. 228 East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street and is chauffeur for Leopold Oppenheimer, a lawyer, of No. 315 West One Hundred and First street. He covered the automobile last night to take a couple of women friends to Airdley on the Hudson.

Ardley was so satisfactory that Ramero and his two companions remained there all night drinking in the beauty of the scenery and other things. It was after 11 o'clock to-day when the sleepy trio made across Washington Bridge and started down Eighth avenue.

The chauffeur says he don't know just what happened to him. He has a faint recollection of turning into Eighth avenue. He says Pullman Hubcock, who saw the automobile crash into the street, says that Ramero was scooped over so that his face was hidden, but that he saw the wheel of the collision was a lucky happening for Ramero. Undoubtedly he would have run into a cross-street car at the intersection of Twenty-fifth street to have serious injury of himself and his passengers, to say nothing of Mr. Oppenheimer's automobile.

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