

THESE TWO THINGS

The two most important things about a building proposition are, first, to begin it, and second, to finish it.

GLYNN REPLIES TO EMPLOYERS

Workmen's Compensation Bill Payments Not Too High, He Contends.

Albany, Dec. 15.—Governor Glynn will sign the workmen's compensation bill tomorrow.

"An aroused public opinion, educated by fifteen years of agitation, stood solidly behind me," he said, referring to its passage.

"If, as I believe, the workmen's compensation act will mark the beginning of an era of good feeling between the worker and his employer all the struggles and disappointments of fifteen years will be made well worth while."

Replying to employers who still insist the scale of payment for injuries is too high—it being two-thirds of an employer's regular weekly pay—the Governor said: "Owing to the great increase in the expense of living since compensation acts were passed in other states it was deemed to be fair to provide a higher scale of payment for injuries in this state than is provided for in other states."

"In our law the payment in such cases is 66 2/3 per cent of the injured employee's weekly wages. The percentage paid in Ohio is 64 2/3; in California, 65; in Wisconsin, 65, and in Texas, 65."

"The maximum weekly payment for compensation for total permanent injuries is \$12 in Ohio and in Kansas, Texas and this state \$15, except that in case of the loss of a hand, an arm, a foot, a leg or an eye the maximum cannot in any case exceed \$20 a week, and in many instances may be much less than that, depending on the amount of the employee's wages. Where the injury is only partial the payment is 66 2/3 per cent, not of the average wages but of the loss of wages."

George W. Perkins, of New York, wrote the Governor to-day as follows:

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DR. BILLINGS MAY SUCCEED LEDERLE

Head of Infectious Diseases Bureau Has Good Chance To Be Commissioner.

POST IMPORTANT, MITCHEL THINKS

Mayor-Elect Having Difficulty in Finding Right Man for Police Head.

Second to the Police Commissioner Mayor-elect Mitchell regards the office of Commissioner of Health as of the greatest importance. The appointment is to be entirely personal, and will go to the man who he believes will make the best record and will be most zealous in reorganizing the department along modern and efficient lines.

It was asserted yesterday that Dr. John S. Billings, for several years head of the bureau of infectious diseases in the Health Department, had an excellent chance of getting the Commissionerhip. Dr. Billings is widely known for the work he has done. He is a friend of President Wilson. He was in Washington several weeks ago, and his friends believe the President may say a good word to Mr. Mitchell in his behalf.

The thing that is causing Mr. Mitchell the greatest anxiety is the finding of a man for Police Commissioner. It is understood he does not intend to make any selection until he has consulted with the various leaders of the fusion movement. He wants their approval of the choice he makes. There will be a conference on the subject next week. Among those who will attend, it is said, will be District Attorney Whitman. Through his prosecution of the police cases he has a knowledge of the workings of the department such as few men in the city possess.

What he has to say about the qualifications of a Commissioner is likely to have considerable weight with Mr. Mitchell.

There was much speculation yesterday as to just what place would go to Robert Adamson, whom Mr. Mitchell said at the Adamson dinner he hoped to have in his cabinet for four years. It is not believed that any job except that of City Chamberlain would tempt Mr. Adamson. That pays \$12,000 a year, but a man is practically lost in it. He does not figure in the public eye at all. Mr. Adamson would have a better chance to continue his public career by remaining as secretary to the Mayor. If he would consent to stay the salary would undoubtedly be raised to \$7,500 a year.

Mr. Mitchell has accepted an invitation to attend President Wilson's dinner for the members of his Cabinet in Washington tomorrow night. Mrs. Mitchell will go with him. That night they will be the guests of Mrs. J. Berden Hartman, and will return on Friday or Saturday.

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DR. DARLINGTON IN LEAD FOR JOB

He Is Believed To Be Choice of Glynn for Health Commissioner.

PORTER'S FRIENDS ARE BUSY, THOUGH

Elkus and D. Cady Herrick Said To Be in Line for Good State Places.

Albany, Dec. 15.—Dr. Thomas Darlington, former Health Commissioner of New York City, has had several conferences with Governor Glynn recently, and it is predicted that he is to be appointed State Health Commissioner. Dr. Darlington has long been a Tammany man, but friends of the Governor assert that his record is good. He was president of the Tammany Hall general committee and was defeated for President of the Borough of Manhattan at the last election.

Dr. Eugene Porter, a Republican, is commissioner now, and a lively campaign is being carried on by his many friends throughout the centre of the state to have him reappointed. Hardly a day passes that Governor Glynn does not receive several telegrams asking that he be retained, but the Governor, it is understood, has decided to name his successor after the first of the year. He said that he would make no important appointments until after January 1.

"I'm afraid now that I can put none of them on the Christmas tree," he remarked.

Place for Elkus. Mr. Glynn, however, is spending much of his time in getting men suitable to him for big state jobs. His office is filled daily with office-seekers or men whom he has sent for to talk over appointments.

Charles F. Treman, of Ithaca, former State Superintendent of Public Works, was one of his callers to-day. Mr. Glynn announced a short time ago that he had offered Mr. Treman one of the upstate Public Service Commissionerhips, but that the offer had not been accepted because of Mr. Treman's large business interests. It is understood that the Governor still wishes him to enter the state service.

Abram I. Elkus, who was a candidate in November for Judge of the Court of Appeals, is now considered the most likely candidate for chairman of the new workmen's compensation commission. Mr. Elkus was the counsel for the state factory investigation commission. He is known to be interested in work of that character.

Daniel Harris, of Poughkeepsie, president of the State Federation of Labor, and Miles M. Dawson, the Hughes actuary, who helped draw the workmen's compensation bill, probably will be members of the commission. William Temple Emmett, State Insurance Commissioner, is another possibility. He has been mentioned as the successor to Justice Gerard on the Supreme Court bench, but such an appointment is now not likely. John T. McDonough, counsel for the State Federation, is a candidate for one of the compensation commissionerships.

Something for Herrick. D. Cady Herrick, chief counsel for Governor Sulzer at his impeachment trial, it is said, may be appointed to one of the vacant places on the Court of Appeals bench next year.

John C. Kraft, of Kingston, chairman of the Dix Civil Service Commission, which was ousted by Governor Sulzer, called on Governor Glynn and is said to be a candidate for one of the minor state jobs.

Governor Glynn announced to-day that he would give hearings to-morrow on all the Bronx County bills passed last week. The bills include those establishing the office of District Attorney, County Judge and County Clerk and providing for the transfer from the New York County registers of records belonging to the new county. While the bills provide for a large number of new jobs, it is said that politics had nothing to do with the request for the hearing, which was made by City Controller Prendergast. His interest in the bills is to straighten financial complications resulting from the erection of the new county.

The Governor and the new Board of Estimate, composed of state officers, will hold a hearing on the budget of state expenses next week. The various state departments have submitted their annual requests for appropriations, and it is understood that \$5,000,000 will have to be cut from the total to keep within the state's resources.

KNOCKS OUT N. Y. OLEO LAW

Court of Appeals Finds No Fraud in Coloring.

Albany, Dec. 15.—The Court of Appeals decided the oleomargarine law to-day to be unconstitutional. It was held that the Legislature might enact laws to prevent deception and fraud in foodstuffs, but that giving yellow color to oleomargarine was not done with the intention of committing fraud. The purpose of such laws, Judge Cullen, who wrote the opinion, said, was only to safeguard the public and promote honesty.

The decision was handed down in the case against John J. Guiton and others, who were charged with manufacturing oleomargarine in imitation of butter.

CHIEF JUDGE'S LAST DAY

Gunmen's Case Causes Cullen to Quit Ahead of Time.

Albany, Dec. 15.—This was Chief Judge Elgar M. Cullen's last active day as a member of the Court of Appeals. While his term does not expire until December 31, he planned to retire after aiding to dispose of to-day's calendar.

The gunmen's case will be argued to-morrow and a decision will not be reached in it for several months, it is thought; hence Judge Cullen decided not to sit in it. He followed the same plan when the Becker case was argued.

Glynn Signs Taxicab Bill.

Albany, Dec. 15.—Governor Glynn signed a bill to-day which makes the violation of the taxicab and other public conveyance ordinances of cities a misdemeanor. While this law applies to the entire state, it was passed primarily to aid New York in enforcing a new taxicab ordinance.

Gaby's Defender in Tombs.

William Twist, who stabbed and killed Lizzie White on November 15 because she

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Then select the widowed mother and her children. The despairing family whose breadwinner is tuberculous, insane or otherwise disabled. Those handicapped by age or other debilities.

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SAYS NURSE WAS CRUEL

Wife Fights Suit to Recover for Attending Husband.

Mrs. Ellen Simonds filed her answer in the Supreme Court yesterday to the suit which Oscar Boto Schellberg, a nurse, has brought against her to recover for services to the defendant's husband. Mrs. Simonds alleged that Mr. Simonds died half an hour after a quarrel which she had with the nurse in the sick room.

Mrs. Simonds also alleged that while Schellberg was attending her husband he smoked in bed and set fire to the blankets, that he refused to brush the patient's teeth more often than once in three weeks and that he held ice to the teeth of Mr. Simonds to compel him to open his mouth, which Mrs. Simonds said she considered cruel on the part of the nurse. Schellberg denies the charges.

Steel Rivalry Keen, He Says.

Prices varied and competition was strong in the steel business even in "pool days," according to J. P. Provost, president of the Union Electric Company, of Pittsburgh, who testified in the hearing of the government's case against the United States Steel Corporation yesterday. He said that competition had never been keener than now. Friday the hearing will adjourn until January 5. Sessions will be held in Atlanta, Birmingham, St. Louis and possibly Chicago.

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At the trial of Lee De Forest, James Dunlop Smith, Samuel E. Darby and Elmer Burlingame, of the Radio Wireless Telephone Company, before Judge Hunt, in the United States District Court, yesterday, most of the time was devoted to the defence of Burlingame.

Counsel for Burlingame offered in evidence a newspaper clipping saying that the wireless telephone could be used by any one who was in a hurry to get a policeman, providing the policeman carried a diminutive instrument in his helmet.

Mrs. Hattie Whipple, of Los Angeles, testified for Burlingame that she had sold \$40,000 of the wireless telephone stock, receiving 15 per cent commission, and that she bought \$1,000 worth herself. Thirty-four years ago, she said, she lost a chance to buy National Telephone stock at 25 cents a share, which sold eighteen months later for \$1,000 a share. She decided then, she said, never to let such an opportunity slip again.

Burlingame testified that the Fiscal Agency Company was empowered to organize the Great Lakes Radio Company. Of the Great Lakes Radio Company stock, 40 per cent was to go into the treasury as working capital, 50 per cent was to go to the parent company and 10 per cent to the Fiscal Agency Company.

FIREMAN DIES IN VAIN EFFORT TO SAVE MOTHER

Sister Also Burns to Death and Four Persons Hurt by Leaping from Windows.

Fire swept so rapidly through a five story apartment house at No. 256 Amsterdam avenue early yesterday morning that three persons were killed and four injured. Among the dead was Thomas J. McManus, a fireman attached to Engine Company No. 40. He lived in the building and was overcome while trying to rouse his mother. His effort was in vain, for she was killed, as well as her daughter, Miss Mary McManus. The fire started on the second floor in the main hallway.

Patrolmen a few blocks away saw flames darting from the windows. They ran to the burning building in time to see four persons at windows on the fourth floor. The policemen called to them not to jump, but so close did the flames come to them that the hair of Mrs. Margaret Maurer was singed. A moment later she fell out. The policemen tried to catch her, but she broke through their arms.

James Maurer, her husband, then threw his son, Joseph, fourteen months old, from the window. The child hit a wire and bounded off to the sidewalk beyond the spot where the policemen were waiting to catch him. Maurer

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then leaped, and was badly bruised. All were taken to the Polytechnic Hospital, where it was said that the condition of the woman and the baby was serious.

Engine No. 40, the company to which McManus was attached, was the first to arrive. Deputy Chief Burns turned in a second alarm, and Chief Kenlon was among those to respond. Several persons were rescued from the building on ladders. In twenty-five minutes the blaze was out. The estimated damage was \$25,000.

Medal Awarded to Edwards. The National Highways Protective Association awarded a medal yesterday to William H. Edwards, Street Cleaning Commissioner, in recognition of his seal in pursuing a chauffeur who ran down a boy Monday night.

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