

Miller Points To Graft in Smith Regime

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In addition to direct settlements," ran the report, "conditions have been found and practices have grown up as a result of which the victims of industrial accidents coming before the Industrial Commission for relief have been the ones to suffer."

"I soon discovered that certain employees of the state fund had a well defined, wholesale system of graft, under which the claimants were being defrauded of large sums of money."

Quoting next from the investigator's conclusion as to the administration of the final adjustment calendar, over which Deputy Commissioner Curtis usually presided, the Governor read:

"One reason for the underpayment was pure carelessness on the part of the deputy, and it was also due to the fact that the deputy was either unable or unwilling to resist the persuasion of the representative and physicians of the insurance carriers."

"The administration of the final adjustment calendar has not only been contrary to the statute but has been a travesty on justice."

Still reading from the pamphlet published by the state, containing the Connor report, Governor Miller proceeded to cite specific cases of working men and women whom Mr. Connor declared had been defrauded of their just compensation. By this time the speaker had totally abandoned his customary calm and judicial style of public speaking and was thundering forth his indictment with his voice vibrant with emotion while the audience of 3,500 in Harmanus Bleeker Hall sat as if electrified by the startling news issue he injected into the campaign, occasionally breaking out into storms of applause as the Governor smashed home his points.

"The investigator says that about 150 claims were held up for a total of probably about \$50,000," he added, and he refers to specific cases of fraud perpetrated upon the state fund. "The investigator further refers to the illegitimate practice of runners who preyed upon the unfortunate claimants, and he says: 'Another runner is Tito Pacelli, already referred to in connection with the state fund graft cases. Pacelli is secretary and treasurer of the International Tunnel Workers' Union, of which Deputy Commissioner Curtis is president.'"

"Further on he says that the (referring to Pacelli) admitted that he appeared in a number of state fund cases furnished him by Herman and that the funds in these cases were divided with Herman and Jacobson. He also testified, referring to Mr. Curtis, 'I told him something that I would get money from the men.'"

The men mentioned above, according to the record, were part of a ring through whom only the claimants could receive a sufficient award, said the Governor, and when claimants showed reluctance to be represented by them, threats were made that the cases were held unless they agreed to split the money with the ring, all of whom the Governor called "grafters."

"The investigator found in the adjusted compensation cases that palpable injustices had been committed in the interests of the insurance carriers," continued the Governor. "In the state fund cases, that is, cases in which the employees insured in the state fund instead of with a private insurance corporation, and the investigator found corruption and graft. He refers to different groups of cases, to one group of eleven cases in the district of Buffalo, where the claimants received \$2,742 when they should have had \$9,570; and he refers to the fact that in the cases of insurance by small groups of employees an insurance broker received 50 per cent of all dividends, and that an employer of his representative was interested in keeping down the compensation."

Referring to Mr. Smith's statement last night that one of the first things he had done after getting to Albany in 1919 was to appoint Connor to investigate the direct settlement clause of the compensation act, and then, when the report had been submitted, to send the Legislature "in black and white" the names and addresses of the persons who had been "cheated" out of compensation by that provision, Governor Miller said:

"The speaker's memory must have failed him. He did appoint the former counsel of the commission, one Jeremiah Connor, to investigate the operation of the workmen's compensation act. He did send a message to the Legislature, accompanied by the report of his investigator. He did recommend the repeal of the direct settlement provision then in the law."

"But the name and addresses 'in black and white' of the men and women who had been cheated—and he is right, 'cheated' is the easiest word to be applied—you will see a harsher one before I am through—were the names of those who had been cheated not under the direct settlement plan, but under a so-called final adjustment plan."

To-night's meeting marked the conclusion of Governor Miller's three weeks' campaign tour of the state. The Governor's address was preceded by speeches by Colonel William J. Donovan, Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor, and by Mrs. Grace D. Vanamee, ex-chairman of the women's executive committee of the Republican State Committee. On Monday night Governor Miller will speak in New York City.

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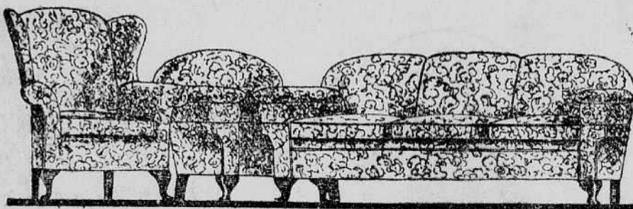
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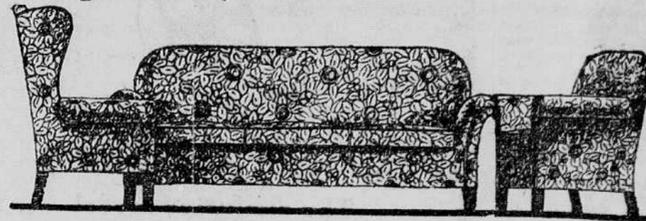
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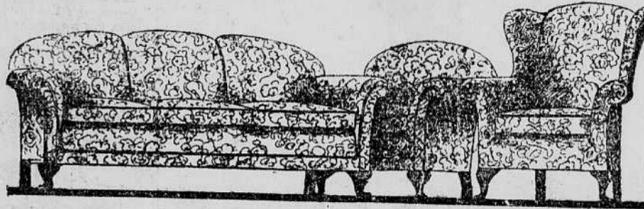
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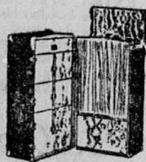
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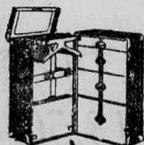
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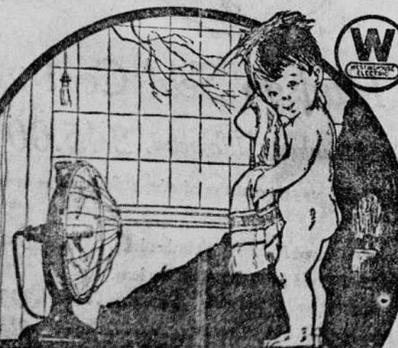
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