FIVE'S REPORT IS HELD UP.

VOTES WAS READY TO SPRING IT, BUT SOME ONE CALLED HIM OFF

Tammany Executive Committee Organizes for the Municipal Campaign With the Same Old Officers—Nap to Be Judge Brown, Who Deserted Its Leader, John F. Sheehan.

The Tammany Hall Executive Committee met last evening to organize for the municipal campaign. Before the meeting it was announced that the Hon. Lewis Nixon, chairman of the Five, was going to present a report during the decade of the acts of his committee. Mr. Nixon had this report prepared, and it covered three sheets of paper in typewriting. For some reason Mr. Nixon did not present this report, but instead on behalf of the five leaders said that they were leaving congress.

According to those who saw the report it contained that when the Five first consulted District Attorney Philbin he seemed to be very much in sympathy with their objects and looked very much in favor upon the evidence which they had gathered. The report went on to say that later Mr. Philbin's enthusiasm for the Five's evidence cooled considerably, but that recently he had again grown more hopefully of the evidence which had been presented to him. The report said that assistant District Attorney Osborne, who is handling the evidence submitted by the Five, had given reason to believe that some of it would be placed before the Grand Jury now sitting. Why this report was not read none of the Tammany leaders would say last night.

When Mr. Nixon made his report of progress on behalf of the committee, the Hon. John F. Carroll, the deputy leader of the organization, moved that the Five be continued with undiminished powers to carry on the work which was laid out for them by Mr. Croker before his departure for England. The motion was adopted unanimously. Among those who voted for it were Senator Dorsey, D. Sullivan, the leader of the Ninth district, Congressman Martin Engel, the leader of the Eighth district, Police Commissioner John D. Sexton, the leader of the Nineteenth district, and Street Cleaning Commissioner Percival E. Roger, the leader of the Twelfth district.

The Executive Committee re-elected all of the officers who served last year. They are: Chairman, Daniel F. McMahon; vice-chairman, William Schomer; secretaries, Michael J. Daly and George F. Scannell; reading clerk, Thomas F. Smith. President Van Hoesen of the general committee announced that there would be but two changes in the subcommittees for just from those of last year. Mr. Croker is at the head of the Finance committee, with John F. Carroll next. The other members are ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant, Andrew Freedman, Congressman Jacob Ruppert, John R. MacDonald, F. Clifford Powers, Daniel F. McMahon, Lord Mayor John H. O. Ashslage, James J. Martin, Robert McCafferty, Isaac A. Hopper and Thomas J. Dunn.

The chairmen of the other committees are: On Law, John Whalen, corporation counsel, with ex-district attorney Asa Bird Gardiner as vice-chairman; on election districts, Senator George W. Plunkett; on printing, President John W. Keiper of the Charities Department; on receptions, Senator Thomas F. Grady; on municipal affairs, President Randolph Guggenheimer of the Council. The name of ex-Judge Edward Browne of the Ninth district was added to the Law Committee, of which the chairman is Frank J. Goodwin, who took his seat in the committee last night in place of John F. Sheehan, whom he defeated at the August primaries. Mr. Browne was a Sheehan supporter at one time, but joined the Goodwin forces last summer. Martin Geissler, of the Thirty-fifth Assembly district, was put on the Elections Officers Committee in place of Stephen A. Nugent. Ex-Alderman Patrick H. Keahon became the executive member from the Seventh district in place of East River Bridge Commissioner James W. Boyle.

Before the committee met there was considerable talk among its members on the police situation, but nobody seemed to know very much about it. There was some talk about Mr. Sexton and some about Mr. Martin, but none of it seemed to lead anywhere.

WOMEN TO FIGHT VICE

Delegates From Fifty Societies Meet to Talk Over Plans.

The delegates of women's clubs and societies who started a new anti-vice crusade last week met yesterday at the Travedo, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, to hear reports and arrange for a mass meeting of women to tackle the task of suppressing vice. The call for the meeting said: "In view of the appalling prevalence of protected vice in the city, and because, though it men and women are debased we invite the support of all women who believe in the enforcement of law.

About one hundred delegates, representing fifty women's societies and clubs, attended the meeting. Mrs. Ella A. Boole presiding. Three colored delegates were present, including Mrs. Sarah Washington, president of Thurman Union, W. C. T. U. Mrs. Boole made a speech in which she said that investigations showed that vice was still protected and that girls were brought to become inmates of disorderly houses in this city.

Mrs. Charles Russell Lowell said that a movement for the education of people, especially mothers, against the dangers of a great city was necessary. She referred to the case of Jennie Rossleiter and said that her mother evidently did not know the danger her daughter was in in being out of doors until late at night. Another speaker said that Bishop Potter had been seen and expressed gratification at the decision of the women to take a part in the anti-vice crusade.

It was then decided that the Committee on Call should appoint a larger committee to issue a call for a mass meeting of women early in March, probably in Carnegie Music Hall, to form plans for the enforcement of the laws and the educating of mothers to realize the dangers of a city. Admission to the meeting is to be by card. The question of speakers then came up. Some of the delegates wanted to have women speakers only. Others said that it would be better not to limit the speakers to women and the latter carried their point. After the meeting was over Mrs. Boole made a statement in which she said:

"The Anti-Vice Committee of Fifteen are very much pleased with our movement, but we deem it best to work in our own way. We hope to start an educational movement among women regarding the dangers of moral contamination which surround their children, especially their daughters. Many girls who go astray would be saved if their mothers had not shown a lack of oversight as to their movements, not necessarily from carelessness, but because they did not fully realize the necessity of watching over the moral welfare of their children.

RED LIGHT METHODS IN A NEW FIELD.

A Year in the Penitentiary for a Woman Who Employed Them on the West Side.

Martha Lucille, alias Regina Max, of 203 West Forty-first street, was convicted in Special Sessions yesterday of keeping a disorderly house. Inspector Thompson, who arrested the woman, said that her house was the first which had been established on the West Side as a direct result of the exodus from the Red Light district. It was brought out in the trial that the woman employed young men to marry girls and take them to her house, where they were practically prisoners. Dora Scheiderman and Henrietta Greenberg, two young girls who had been trapped in this manner, appeared as witnesses in the case. Their husbands are now under indictment for abduction. Justice Jacob sentenced the woman to serve one year in the penitentiary.

GRANT CALLS ON MAYOR

The Ex-Mayor at the City Hall for the First Time in Several Years.

Ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant called on Mayor Van Wyck at City Hall yesterday, and although Mr. Grant's friends have frequently declared that he is through with politics, it was believed in the corridors of the hall that he had called to speak a good word for Police Commissioner John E. Sexton, who is a candidate for the job of head of the force under the new law. Mr. Grant is a resident of the Nineteenth Assembly district, in which Mr. Sexton is the leader.

Mr. Grant had quite a chat with the mayor but of course what they talked about was not made public. It was said that Mr. Grant had not been in City Hall before since the present administration began in 1898.

Police Captain James K. Price was at the hall yesterday, also. He didn't call on Mayor Van Wyck.

To Prevent the Grip.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.—Adv.

HOW TO DOWN THE WIGWAM.

Anti-Tammany Forces Gather to Discuss Plans.

An anti-Tammany conference was held last evening at the Waldorf-Astoria in reply to a call issued on Feb. 1 by the officers of the Franchise Tax and Municipal Ownership League and of the Municipal Ownership and Reform League. The conference was called to order by Col. Alexander P. Rockbox, a republican, who is president of the Franchise Tax and Municipal Ownership League. Among those who were present were Gen. Horace Porter, president of the Republican Club, ex-Recorder John S. Rock, head of the Anti-Municipal League, Worden Parkhurst, Hayes, of the Kings County Democracy, who is manager of the Republican campaign in Brooklyn, Frederick W. Holls, president of the Municipal Reform League, James B. Reynolds, president of the Washington Single Tax League, Samuel Seabury, Frank Moss, of the City Vigilance League, Robert Bacon, a follower of Edward M. Shepard, Angus P. Fletcher, representative of Queens county, Dr. George B. Fiske, one of the Citizens' Union Platform Democrats, B. Fellows Fielding, chairman of the Citizens' Union executive committee, and Thomas L. Felton, its secretary, the Rev. John P. Peters of St. Michael's Church, ex-Senator Henry M. Ruby, of the City Reform Club, M. J. Flaherty, of the Brooklyn Central Labor Union, Henry Nichols, Jerome Mitchell, Henry Einstein, William P. Dixon, F. D. B. Dalzell, J. F. Nobel, George I. Cochran, John P. Keeler, James Brogan, H. C. B. Bishop, Jacob Reeder, Jr., Bedford, the editor of the *Argus* (Democrat), Clare F. Clark, John Martin, Joseph M. Price and many others.

The majority of those who were present were Citizens' Union men, but when the meeting was called to order by Col. Rockbox there seemed to be no division among people in the matter of the advisability of electing new officers. Hall, Col. Rockbox, and Dr. Parkhurst, who had spoken at the Tammany Hall meeting, spoke with all the other fellow speakers to the effect that if this was done victory would be assured. There was a great deal of enthusiasm when he said that if the association of good men could be brought together Warden Hayes would make a speech, and he said that the thing to be aimed at was a division of the anti-Tammany forces.

"Once scattered fight," said Mr. Hayes, "means only one thing and that is a victory for Tammany. With the forces opposed to Tammany well be able to bring to no contest we great the cause of good government, and the only way in which we can do this is to have one candidate against Tammany, standing squarely on a platform which will offer something attractive to the people."

Col. Rockbox said he thought Mr. Hayes was right, and then Mr. Fremaine offered a resolution providing that the chairman appoint a committee of fifty to draw up a platform and prepare for an active campaign. Mr. Fremaine said that he didn't care to be a member of this committee himself, because he was the president of the Republican Club. Warden Hayes said that he thought it would be better if the committee should consist of one delegate from each Assembly district in the Greater New York. This would make it a committee of sixty members, and it was decided to adopt Mr. Hayes's suggestion. On the appointment of this committee by Mr. Rockbox it will appoint a campaign committee for each Assembly district.

These committees in turn will appoint campaign committees for each election district.

There was a long discussion as to the propriety of holding a platform right away. All of the delegates to the conference seemed to think that the most important plank in it would be that dealing with the election laws. Half a dozen speakers declared that it would be useless to defeat Tammany Hall at the general election if the only effect of the victory was to be the turning of the city over to another political organization. They said that the only way to prevent this from being brought about was to have the direct primary law for all candidates for elective office by the people at the primaries. With direct nominations the speakers agreed the voters would be able to have their own way from one end of the political season to the other, and it was decided to make every effort to have the Election Code and Primary law so amended as to provide for direct nominations.

The other planks in the platform will deal largely with municipal ownership of public utilities. The speakers all agreed that the city should retain possession of all the franchises that have not been given out already, and that it should arrange for the purchase at an equitable valuation of the franchises which have heretofore been disposed of.

The Committee of Sixty will seek to unite all of the various organizations that are anxious to take a hand in the Anti-Tammany fight, and will bring about a union of as many of them as it can throughout the entire city. While all of the conferees last night seemed to be agreed that Tammany should go, there were some differences of opinion as to other matters. One speaker declared that William C. Whitney was responsible for most of the ills and afflictions of the city of New York. He said that Mr. Whitney was directly responsible for the nomination of Mayor Van Wyck in 1897. Another speaker said that after all Mr. Whitney was probably not the worst man in the world.

YESTERDAY'S MUSIC.

"Le Cid" Repeated at the Opera. A Brace of Souza Concerts.

Grand opera, like the biggest dog in the block, is able to chase away all other canine musical rivals, not to mention cats. But dogs sleep at times, and during a repetition week at the Metropolitan Opera House equivalent to a Homeric nod the concert givers turn out in belligerent force. For example this week, to enumerate the good, bad and indifferent, we have heard the Kneisel Quartet in Bach, Beethoven and Brahms; the chamber music of Oscar Nadeau, pianist, Jacques Van Paucke, clarinettist, and Leo Schulz, violoncellist; while the redoubtable Marquis de Souza, voluminous of voice, and Martinus Sieveking, the Dutch pianist, held forth continuously yesterday afternoon and evening in Mendelssohn Hall. The People's symphony concert in Cooper Union, conducted by Franz X. Arens, must not be forgotten.

The list will be increased this afternoon by the Young People's Symphony Concert at Carnegie Hall. It is hardly fair then, to assert that opera has stifled concert giving in this city, were it not for the suspicious sameness of faces in our concert audiences. There was no denying the fact that local music lovers meet each other in public with painful regularity. Most concert managers will admit this, some of them in moments of deep depression have remarked that hansoms sent to various residences could not coax or drag out the musical inmates therein. But then the attractions usually offered were piano recitals, always beginning with Bach-Liszt and ending with Liszt-Rondelcund.

"Le Cid" was sung for the third time this season in the Metropolitan Opera House. The audience had the familiar multitudinous look it always wears on a Jean de Reszke night. Lucienne Breval was a dramatic camera and her trailing scream *a la Kundry* as thrilling as on the occasion of its premiere. Melba was replaced in the part of the *Infanta* by Suzanne Adams, who sang her one solo with its "Alleluia" refrain quite artistically. The other newcomer in the cast was Journet who impersonated *Don Diegue*, hitherto Plancon's part. Edouard de Reszke was again a noble *Don Dieguc*, though seemingly powerful enough to have smitten his sister lip and high. The de Reszkes, Jean de Reszke, divalric and vocally heroic, was like a gallant knight leading a lost cause, for Massenet's music sounded more banal, artificial and noisier than ever.

The ballet, picturesque and rhythmically fascinating, was an illuminated page in this arid score. It was well presented. Manuel Rosenthal conducted.

VAUDEVILLE STRIKE OVER.

The Strikers Gained Their Point and Performed as Usual Last Evening.

Those of the vaudeville performers at Keith's Theatres in this city, Boston and Providence who became ill on Thursday and refused to act, recovered as suddenly yesterday and went through their stage strips according to programme. Their recovery followed the announcement by the Vaudeville Managers' Association that hereafter the players will not be obliged to pay 5 per cent of their salaries to the manager.

The illness of the performers in three towns at the same time was a strike and the first loss of the strength of the vaudeville performers now protect an organization, the White Rats of America.

The Macpherson May Be Saved.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Feb. 8. There is some hope of saving the transport Macpherson, which ran aground recently near Matanzas.

CHINESE TEMPLES LOOTED.

GREEN-PLATED TILING SUPPOSED TO BE SOLID GOLD.

A Great Scramble Until It Was Found That That the Roofing Was Merely Plated—Missionaries Blame Other Robbers Be Made Stronger—Gold Plated Tiles for Sale.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 9. The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, under date of Feb. 1, says: The Mission of Lord Roberts and Count Waldersee to Pekin has resulted in a satisfactory settlement of the Chinese question. Prince Ching and Prince Chuan have been appointed by the Chinese Commissioners and accepted as full plenipotentiaries to the peace negotiations. It is now only a matter of time when the Chinese Commissioners will be in Pekin. Though the commission of the new Tsungli Yamen will be not announced officially for some days, the Chinese have made up their minds that the Yamen will be composed of Prince Ching, president, Prince Chuan, Yuan Shih Kai, Chang Chih Tung, Li Hung Chang, Chao Shu Chiao, Wang Wei Chen, Hsu Ching Cheng, Ching Shan and Hsu Tung. A Chinese Imperial proclamation has been issued pardoning many of the Tungchi officials who were decapitated during the siege, but it is generally said the Chinese officials feel that the attacks on the legations be adjudged not the crime of friendly to the foreigners.

Looting and beheading of land have not yet been discussed here. The Boxers were so greedy, people think, that some of the Buddhist temples were gold-plated roofs.

Every body at once went on a hunt to find them. The Boxing discovered one temple, the roof of which was tiles plated with gold. The tiles were believed to be solid gold until they were analyzed. When it was found they were plated and worth only a Mexican dollar a piece, there was, so says the Japanese, great disappointment among the looters. Tiles were sold to dealers, and brought as high as six sovereigns.

The Chinese report a war between the Japanese and French for one other temple. The Japanese won and defeated twenty-nine cartloads of tiles. The Boxing now offer to sell these gold-made tiles, copper and gold plated, weighing two pounds each, "another gold-plated roof."

MR. OWEN'S NEW COMPLAINT

Missionary Says the French Kept $6000 of His Money—Wants Jesuits Expelled.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 8. The Rev. W. S. Owen, of the American Board of Foreign Missions, who says that he was arrested by the French and compelled to pay a fine of $500, writes that while he has been released, $500 of his money, which was confiscated when he was arrested, has not been returned. He demands that the French shall be forced to refund their conduct toward him. He makes the remarkable suggestion that he will be satisfied if the French priests, who are now in the place, are forced to leave the town. He denounces these priests as "wicked and treacherous." It is just likely that some other official steps will be taken in the case.

The refusal demand of the Powers for the beheading of certain princes and high officials, which was made at the joint meeting of the Ministers and Chinese peace commissioners on Feb. 1, was sent in writing today to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching.

There is some doubt as to how far the demand for the beheading of Kang Yi, Li Ping Heng and Hsu Tung. All these men are dead, they can no longer trouble foreigners, or obstruct the reform of the government, and as the effect of the mourning of the decree of degradation will necessarily fall on innocent people it is insisted upon by some as a matter of justice. Against this it is said, however, that it is the Chinese custom to visit this kind of punishment on the families of persons who have been beheaded. If the three men referred to were alive their deaths would certainly be insisted on by the Ministers and the consequences would fall on their families.

A decree ordering the degradation of Prince Tuan would have far-reaching consequences, even though it were immediately commuted. It would, for one thing, settle definitely the question of the succession to the throne so far as the present heir, who is a son of Prince Tuan, is concerned. While it is true that Pu Tsung, the young man referred to, has long served as Prince Tuan's heir, and has been adopted by the Empress Dowager, if a decree ordering the beheading of his father is issued he can never succeed to the throne, because the Chinese law requires certain religious observances toward one executed. It would be impossible in case the disgraceful death of the father had ever been ordered.

CHARGES AGAINST BISHOP FAVIER.

Accused of Looting the House of a Member of the Tsung-li-Yamen.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 8. A despatch received here from Pekin says that the family of a member of the Tsung-li-Yamen, whom the Empress Dowager caused to be executed because he would not sanction the anti-foreign movement, has complained to the international government of Pekin, charging Bishop Favier, who is now in France, with looting his house of money and property to the value of 1,000,000 taels the day after the siege ended.

The despatch adds that a league of civilian looters of all nationalities has been discovered and broken up. There is now a chance for honest men, including Chinese, of getting what is due them. The members of the complaining family above mentioned say that the stolen property is now in possession of Secretary Squiers of the American legation, who is about to escape from the country.

If only a tenth of the charges of murder, rape and robbery made against the foreigners are proved Christians will have cause to blush.

BOERS SEIZE A TRAIN.

They Wound Nine Passengers, Civilians and Saxons.

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MEETING OF THE PEACE BODIES

Ex-Ex-Burgher's Report of How Morgendaal Met His Death.

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MAY LAY CAPE COLONY WASTE

Kitchener's Policy of Concentration Likely to Be Extended.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

From THE SUN'S correspondent at Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 8. Gen. Kitchener's policy of concentrating his troops and denuding the country of supplies is being steadily maintained in the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. The British authorities say that if necessary this policy will be extended to Cape Colony, and that in the disturbed districts all the supplies will be commandeered or destroyed. According to the British officers such a policy is absolutely necessary, as otherwise the Boers, who are constantly evading the troops, would return and appropriate whatever the troops left.

Mr. Cartwright, the editor of the South African News, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of publishing a seditious and defamatory libel was arraigned in court this morning and remanded until next Thursday. The proceedings to-day were purely formal. The arrest of Mr. Cartwright was based on a telegram from Gen. Kitchener denouncing as absolutely untrue a statement printed in the News to the effect that the British Commander-in-Chief had instructed his troops to take no prisoners.

TO STOP SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Motion of Intervention Considered Favorably in Belgium Chamber.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8. M. Maenhout called attention in the Chamber of Representatives today to the petition presented to the House in favor of arbitration between Great Britain and the Transvaal for the purpose of stopping the war in South Africa.

M. de Favereau, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, said he had no objection to the reference of the petition to a committee, but, he said, he was bound to inform the Chamber that in his opinion the authors of the petition were mistaken in regard to the meaning of Article XXVII of The Hague Convention. He added that mediation could only be proposed when circumstances permitted. There now appeared to be no opportunity for it. He referred to Great Britain's answer to the United States and the subsequent declarations of Chancellor von Bülow and M. Delcassé, the French Foreign Minister. Even Holland, he said, did not consider herself able to take the initiative.

M. Janson submitted an order of the day favoring intervention. M. de Favereau repeated that Belgium's intervention was impossible, and the order of the day was therefore unnecessary. Nevertheless, the Chamber, by a show of hands, adopted the order of the day, as proposed by M. Janson.

BOER REFUGEES NUMBER 60,000.

Kitchener Reports De Wet Near the Border of Cape Colony, Moving East.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A despatch from Pretoria says that the Boer refugees under British protection now number 60,000. The War office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, yesterday:

"One of our columns has destroyed supplies at Petrusburg and brought in 3,500 horses and cattle without suffering any casualties. De Wet is reported as still north of Smithfield on his way East. The recent statement that De Wet was north of Thaba N'Chu was a telegraphic error for Smithfield. Methuen reports that he has scattered the enemy near Vryburg, capturing twelve wagons and 200 cattle."

Smithfield is the chief town of the Caledon division of the Orange River Colony. It is in the extreme southern part of the colony, not far from the borders of Cape Colony.

PLAGUE AT CAPE TOWN.

Two Cases of the Pestilence Discovered on the Docks There.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 8. Two cases of the bubonic plague have been discovered on the docks here.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. The presence of the bubonic plague at Cape Town has been reported to the State Department by Mr. Knight, United States Vice-Consul-General there.

Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the plague. The authorities are very reticent regarding the cases that have appeared. Several thousand rats, which spread the disease, have been killed. The municipality is offering three pence a head for the rodents.

Defends British Troops.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 8. The Rev. Mr. Bosman, Moderator of the Dutch Church at Pretoria, has published a denial of the allegations that the British troops have outraged women and committed other brutalities. He testifies to the high discipline of the troops.

Rhodesian Paper Seized.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 8. The offices of the *Rhodesian Times* at Salisbury have been seized by the military authorities, owing, it is reported, to the refusal of that paper to apologize for animadversions upon Gen. Carrington that have appeared in it.

The Equitable

Life Assurance Society Of the United States.

Forty-first Annual Statement, for the Year Ending December 31, 1900.

ASSETS.

Bonds and Mortgages	$145,411,662.86
Real Estate in New York, including the Equitable Building	24,467,368.52
United States, State, City and Political Bonds and other securities (market value over cost, $[illegible])	162,896,344.00
Loans secured by Bonds and stocks (market value $[illegible])	24,371,587.00
Policy Loans	7,377,645.27
Real Estate (side of New York, including office building)	13,721,358.50
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest	17,718,576.36
Balance due from agents	524,183.14
Interest and Rents due $[illegible] accrued $[illegible]	896,080.54
Premiums due and in process of collection	4,101,447.00
Deferred Premiums	2,416,003.00
Total Assets	**$304,598,063.49**

INCOME.

Premium Receipts	$44,370,113.49
Interest, Rents, etc.	13,637,017.19
Income	**$58,007,130.68**

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims	$14,860,052.[illegible]
Endowments and deferred dividend policies	3,030,053.[illegible]
Annuities	668,921.[illegible]
Surrender Values	1,615,141.[illegible]
Dividends to Policyholders	3,481,640.[illegible]
Paid Policyholders	**$25,965,999.30**
Commissions, advertising, postage and exchange	5,604,366.11
All other disbursements	4,602,571.10
Sinking Fund. Reduction of book values of Bonds purchased at a premium	236,160.00
Disbursements	**$36,499,126.51**

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement.

FRANCIS W. JACKSON, *Auditor.* ALFRED W. MAINE, *2nd Auditor.*

LIABILITIES.

Assurance Fund (or Reserve)	$235,343,493.00
All other Liabilities	3,117,400.48
Total Liabilities	**$238,460,893.48**
Surplus	**$66,137,170.01**

ASSURANCE.

INSTALMENT POLICIES STATED AT THEIR COMMUTED VALUES.

Outstanding Assurance	**$1,116,875,047.00**
New Assurance	**$207,086,243.00**

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement. The Reserve as per the independent valuation of the N. Y. Insurance Department, is $235,032,907. For Superintendent's certificate see Detailed Statement.

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N. B.—FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS SEE DETAILED STATEMENT.

HOSTILITY TO SPANISH MARRIAGE.

Madrid Hates Prince Charles of Bourbon and Insults His Father.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Feb. 8. The popular hostility to the marriage of Princess Maria de las Mercedes to Prince Charles of Bourbon found vent to-day upon the arrival here of the Count of Caserta, the bridegroom's father. He was received at the station by the Infantas Isabel and Eulalie and Marquis Aguilar Campo, Minister of Foreign Affairs. There was a considerable crowd at the station, and they hooted, hissed and shouted "Death to Caserta," "Down with the Bourbons." The police scattered the crowd and arrested two of the noisest.

The demonstration was renewed this evening in front of the Royal Palace. Some of the shops are closed, their proprietors fearing rioting. The students have got a vacation, ostensibly to allow them to celebrate the marriage, but really, it is believed in the hope that they will leave Madrid for their homes before the wedding takes place next Thursday, they being among the most ardent agitators. The situation is aggravated by an anti-Jesuit outbreak.

EDWARD TO GO TO GERMANY.

It Is Said That the King Will Return the Kaiser's Visit.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 8. It is said at Portsmouth that the royal yacht Victoria and Albert is being prepared to convey King Edward to Flushing after the meeting of Parliament on Feb. 14. The King, it is said, will visit his sister, ex-Empress Frederick, and at the same time return the Kaiser's visit to England.

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PROF. PICKERING HONORED.

Royal Astronomical Society's Medal Awarded to Him—Spectra of New Stars.

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LONDON, Feb. 8. The gold medal which is given annually by the Royal Astronomical Society has been awarded for the year 1900 to Prof. Edward Charles Pickering, professor of astronomy and director of Harvard College observatory since 1877, for stellar photography. Mr. Joseph Choate, the American Ambassador, accepted the medal in behalf of Prof. Pickering, and read a letter from the professor which said: "I now announce for the first time that we recently obtained photographs through telescopes of 18-inch aperture of the spectra of stars of the thirteenth magnitude, which are so faint that the stars themselves are not visible with a telescope with an aperture of twelve inches."

RAILWAY STRIKE IN CUBA.

Five Trainloads of Cane Awaiting Engines to Draw Them to the Mills.

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HAVANA, Feb. 8. A strike on the Cardenas-Jucaro Railway, which runs through the cane district of Matanzas province, is causing much inconvenience in getting in the crop, as many of the estates depend on the line to convey their cane to the mills. At present five trainloads of cane are awaiting engines to haul them. The strike was caused by several well-known agitators, who have caused labor troubles on other occasions. The workers on this line are the best paid of any railway employees in Cuba. Every effort is being made to adjust the trouble.

BAKU'S GREAT NAPHTHA FIRE.

Thirty Bodies Found, One Hundred Missing—Loss, $4,000,000.

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BAKU, Feb. 8. The great fire which broke out here a few days ago has been extinguished. Ten factories, five stores and 25,000,000 pounds of naphtha were destroyed. The loss exceeds 6,000,000 rubles. The report that 500 persons had lost their lives was exaggerated. About thirty bodies have been found. One hundred persons are missing and 150 were injured.

EX-KING MILAN VERY ILL.

Servia's Former Ruler Reported to Be Suffering From Pneumonia.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A despatch to the Central News from Vienna says ex-King Milan of Servia is dangerously ill of pneumonia.

Great Britain's Trade.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 8. The Board of Trade returns for January show that the value of imports into Great Britain during that month was £45,087,516, an increase of £1,431,602. The exports amounted to £24,733,531, an increase of £1,160,849. The reexports amounted to £5,051,307, a decrease of £421,158.

Work on Cuba's Constitution.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Feb. 8. The Constitutional Convention to-day finished its consideration of section 22 of the constitutional project.

Señor Ruiz Rivera has withdrawn his resignation as a delegate to the convention.

Dr. Von Holleben Honored.

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BERLIN, Feb. 8. Emperor William has conferred the Order of the Crown of the first class upon Dr. Von Holleben, the German Ambassador at Washington.

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