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KING OF LOBBIES DEFENDS HIS ACTS

Hamilton Declares Insurance Companies Had to Create "Secret Service."

FOUGHT LEGISLATION IN EVERY CAPITAL

The Insurance Sleuths Blocked Schemes with Cash—Kept No Records.

New York, Dec. 27.—John C. McCall, secretary of the New York Life Insurance company, who a few days ago returned from Europe, where he went to get an accounting of money advanced to Andrew Hamilton, was the first witness in the examination today when the last week of the committee's work was taken up.

Mr. McCall said he saw Hamilton in France and that Mr. Hamilton was seriously ill. He also stated that Mr. McCall also presented physician's certificate describing Mr. Hamilton's illness and stating that the patient could not undertake a voyage or leave France within two months.

Heid Back Check Books. Mr. McCall said he asked Hamilton for his check books, but Hamilton refused to give them up, saying that the stubs related to his own personal business.

Asked No Vouchers. The statement is to the effect that in consequence of the accepted understanding of the companies interested with the New York Life in watching legislation, "no demand was made for vouchers from other people, nor were there any books or accounts kept by me covering same."

He Kept No Books. "I cannot produce my check books or cancelled checks which relate to affairs other than those of the New York Life Insurance company. I cannot produce any books of these particular accounts because none were ever kept by me. Even if I had, I do not think I could produce them, as they do not appear to me that the demand for them would be a fair and honest one. The understanding that I had undertaken this work was distinct and thorough. If it had not been so, I would have declined the task."

Big Three Scared. At the time of his employment in charge of the bureau of taxation and legislation of the New York Life, the life insurance companies feared that unless concerted action was taken they might be practically legislated and taxed out of existence.

Secret Service Lobby. "These and other considerations led the three companies to a certain conclusion. We felt that if a secret service was a permissible governmental agency, a confidential service would be the one effective and at the same time proper plan to guard the welfare of the world—the life insurance business of the state of New York. This confidential service was decided upon as the only feasible plan of protection."

The Holdup Bills. Mr. Hamilton gives a long summary of the various styles of bills hostile to insurance companies, many of them taxation measures.

Attack in Indiana. "In Indiana the attempt was made to pass a law placing the surrender value of a life insurance policy upon the list of personal property which was taxable to the owner. Companies which offered no such advantages to policyholders opposed it at the time, and upon their rivals who offered this advantage. The measure, however, was defeated. Immediately the state assessors proceeded to tax policyholders, proclaiming that the existing law was broad enough in its terms to cover this. If this was true of Indiana, it was probably true of many other states in the union. The New York Life Insurance company, thru my department, retained eminent and influential counsel and

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BAPTISM OF BLOOD FOR RUSSIAN CITIES

Reds, Almost at Bay in Moscow, Plan Series of Uprisings, Then a Last Mighty Upheaval Throughout Empire.

Moscow, Dec. 27, 3 p.m.—The cannonading continues and the list of casualties is swelling. The revolutionists are operating in three sections. There are about one thousand of them in each section. They are all armed with revolvers and rifles. The women who are participating in the fighting are guilty of the worst cruelties.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Reds of Russia are planning widespread application of the torch of civil war. In the face of a declaration by the Witte government that the Moscow revolt is almost crushed, the revolutionists profess hope of success by means of a revolt here, an uprising there, a disconcerting, baffling series of outbreaks in every city in the tottering empire of the czar.

Government's Claims. An inspired statement in the Slovo today says the government expects the revolt at Moscow to be completely crushed within four days. The duration of the rising is explained by the small number of troops available. Many of the soldiers necessarily were employed in guarding the government buildings, leaving a comparatively small number available to cope with the insurgents over the wide area of the disturbance.

15,000 Foll in Moscow. From an independent source the Slovo declares it has learned that the bloodshed at Moscow has been frightful and that the casualties will reach 15,000 and that about 100 Red Cross workers have been sent from St. Petersburg to Moscow to aid in caring for the wounded.

Roosevelts Take Holiday Outing. President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their children, Miss Ethel, Kermit and Archie, the president left Washington at 11:30 o'clock today for a few days' outing.

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GOVERNOR GENERAL DOUBASSOFF. Who is Leading the Fight Against the Reds at Moscow.

SANTO DOMINGO RIGHT SIDE UP

Government Flourishes, Even Without Morales, and Caeceres Reigns.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The state department today received by cable from Santo Domingo advice which throw much needed light on the revolutionary disturbance reported from there yesterday. These were to the effect that the diplomatic corps had been notified by the Dominican minister for foreign affairs, General Tejera, that the president (Morales) having abandoned the capital, leaving the government without an acting head, the cabinet had called upon the vice-president, General Caeceres, to take charge pending the temporary failure of the president to exercise his functions.

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MRS. BRENNAN GIVES ACCOUNT OF TRAGEDY

She Insists that Man Stood by Her Bed and Shot Her—All the Evidence May Be In Today.

Yesterday's late proceedings in Brennan trial on page 5.

Mrs. Stella Brennan appeared the calmest person in Judge H. D. Dickinson's crowded courtroom this morning when she seated herself in the witness chair to tell the story that may mean life or death to her. Only by the slightest heightening of color did she give sign that she had nerve herself for the ordeal. Not once did she flinch or hesitate and during County Attorney Al J. Smith's minute cross-examination she erred, if at all, in judgment. Her nerve never failed her and her mind worked with the precision of a steel trap.

Liked the Children. Under Mr. Carey's careful questioning the defendant flatly denied that she had ever had any but the kindest feeling for the murdered children. She told her version of the tragedy as she had told it to Detective Helin and she flatly denied her guilt. Her attorney asked her very few questions, and these he had evidently weighed very carefully.

Her Present Health. Thruout the whole cross-examination Mr. Smith dwelt upon the defendant's present good health, her good health at the time of the murder and upon the clearness of her mind now and the accuracy of her memory of the incidents prior to and during the night of the tragedy.

Call Money Rate is Now 80 Per Cent. New York, Dec. 27.—Just before the stock market closed today call money fell up quickly to 75 per cent, and as the closing hour drew struck for the close 80 per cent was asked. The effect upon stocks was severe, altho the early advance that carried money to above 50, all issues had withstood it surprisingly well. The last advance was too much, and prices fell off sharply for a point or two all around.

Moody Has Rate Plan by Traxler. President Passes the Minneapolis Man's Ideas Over to the Attorney General. Washington, Dec. 27.—The plan of Charles Traxler, the Minneapolis attorney, for the regulation of freight rates was submitted to the president some time ago and referred to the attorney-general and the interstate commerce commission. The president's plan is one of forty or fifty of a similar character which have come to the attention of the president since the ratification of the plan.

Charles T. Yerkes No Better. New York, Dec. 27.—At the Waldorf-Astoria today it was denied that Charles T. Yerkes, the street railway manager, who is very ill, is somewhat better than he has been. It was denied that he is in a dying condition.

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BOMBSHELL HANGS OVER OIL TRUST

Government Investigation of Standard Oil Leads to Vulnerable Point. EVERY ALLY OF THE TRUST IS UNDER BAN

Rockefeller's Main Company, Its Branches and Railroad Aids, to Be Prosecuted. Special to The Journal. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Raymond in a special to the Chicago Tribune, says: "For nearly a year agents of the United States government have been slowly and patiently but persistently gathering facts and figures on which it was hoped to base a successful attack upon the gigantic monopoly known as the Standard Oil company."

Sensational Report. Following upon the footsteps of government agents in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other cities, it has learned by sufficient to convince me that during the present winter and possibly not long after the holidays, there will be presented to congress a report which will be far more sensational than that presented against the beef trust, and at the same time, it will not only go to the attorney general with a suggestion that prosecution be instituted under the antitrust law, the interstate commerce law, the Elkins law, and the conspiracy law, but also against the Standard Oil company and its agents and managers, but also against all railroad and subsidiary corporations in which the Standard Oil company has an interest, and which the market in this country and killed out all its competitors.

Trust Spies Run to Cover. The work of the special agents of the government is not entirely concluded, but nearly so. They have developed enough to startle the country, and the paid spies of the Standard Oil company have learned this and have begun to cover up evidence in anticipation of a criminal prosecution by the federal government.

Started in Kansas. This investigation which is now drawing to a close was started in the quietest sort of a way in February. It was during the height of excitement in regard to Kansas oil fields. It was shown in congress that the oil producers in Kansas had been made the victims of a game of confidence on the part of the Standard Oil company. That great monopoly encouraged the farmers and promoters to dig for oil, exploit the oil fields to the utmost extent.

Agents of the Standard traveled all over the oil territory and did everything in their power to promote the digging for oil wells and prospecting for new territory. The corporation bought all the oil offered at prices which were the top market for the whole country. No contracts were made, but the producers were led to believe the demand for crude oil was unlimited, and if they would only keep out of the refining business and sell the raw material to the Standard they would have a steady market at best prices.

Put on the Screws. Then the Standard put the screws on. It controlled practically every outlet from the Kansas field. Crude petroleum is nearly worthless in itself. It possesses no real value only when refined, and the Standard people knew this, altho the farmers seem to have forgotten it.

Younger Bjornsen Believes America and England Turned Sweden to Peace. Journal Special Service. New York, Dec. 27.—Erling Bjornsen, son of Bjornstjerne Bjornsen, and a lecturer and publicist, arrived yesterday on the steamship Oscar II for a few months' lecture tour in the United States. Speaking of the dissolution of the union between Sweden and Norway, he said:

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Everyone in Norway today was in arms along her western border. In our country every man between the ages of 22 and 45 was under arms. Thousands of old men and boys reported recruiting officers and begged to be enlisted, and were refused.

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President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Three Children Go to Virginia.

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Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and their children, Miss Ethel, Kermit and Archie, the president left Washington at 11:30 o'clock today for a few days' outing.

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