



## INSURANCE FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

### Three Big New York Companies Hired a Man to See the Legislators.

## BANKER SCHIFF GETS ANGRY

### Blames All the Crooked and Under- handed Work on Hyde and Asserts That He Himself is so Honest That His Faults Are Only Those of Omis- sion not Commission.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—When the  
executive committee on the insurance  
investigation adjourned today until  
next Wednesday it concluded a week  
in which greater progress had been  
made than in any week since the in-  
vestigation was begun.

Alfred W. Maine, an associate auditor  
of the Equitable Life Assurance So-  
ciety, was called to the stand and  
it was disclosed that the Equitable  
Life, the Mutual Life and the New  
York Life Companies had formed a  
pool to look after legislation before  
the various State legislatures.

### Legislatures Corrupted.

Andrew Hamilton, to whom Presi-  
dent McCall, of the New York Life,  
paid several checks, the purpose of  
which the counsel for the committee,  
Mr. Hughes, has not yet brought to  
light, was one of the chief members of  
the legal staff for these companies  
and was employed and received money  
for services from the Equitable.

Witness presented vouchers for  
moneys paid by his company to Mr.  
Hamilton and these showed that in  
eight years from 1895 to 1903 the sum  
of \$65,596 was paid to Mr. Hamilton  
for legal services.

### Where the Money Went.

Edward I. Devlin, the real estate  
manager of the New York Life for  
the United States and Canada, testi-  
fied as to the cost of the building in  
Paris. The Paris building was carried  
on the books of the company at a val-  
uation of \$1,102,064, whereas the build-  
ing cost \$2,533,104. Mr. Devlin said  
the net income on the building to the  
New York Life was 1 1/2 per cent.  
on the actual cost.

The most important development of  
the day was the appearance on the  
stand of Jacob H. Schiff, head of the  
banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Com-  
pany.

Mr. Schiff said that the entire com-  
mittee was at the mercy of one man.  
"It was all Hyde," said Mr. Schiff,  
"all Hyde and Alexander." Mr. Hyde  
wrote the messages regarding the of-  
fers made by my firm for participation  
in syndicates. Mr. Hyde signed all the  
receipts. Mr. Hyde wrote all the let-  
ters.

### It's All Hyde.

"The vice of the entire insurance  
situation has been irresponsible  
power."

He said that the directors of the  
Equitable were mere figureheads and  
that he had never asked any favors of  
the Equitable society. "I have granted  
many favors," he said, "I have not  
done, as a director of the Equitable,  
any wrong of commission. I may have  
done some of omission. But my con-  
science frees me of my bond. I have  
been as good a director as I knew  
how to be and I did my duty."

## JAPS NOT WANTED IN UNITED STATES

### Flowery Kingdom Wants Its Subjects to Settle in Korea and Man- churia.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29.—  
Japan wants the United States to  
enact legislation discouraging Japa-  
nese emigration to the United States.  
Japan is anxious to undertake the  
development of Korea and Manchuria  
and to settle them with her surplus  
population.

### BURGLARS SHOOT POLICEMAN.

After Dynamiting Safe the Bandits  
Fire on Peace Officers.

(By Associated Press.)  
HARTFORD, CONN., Sept. 29.—In  
an attempt to capture two burglars  
today Policeman Hayes was shot  
through the chest and hand, and Po-

liceman Crowley grazed by a bullet.  
The burglars had dynamited a safe  
in the store at Glastonbury, near Hart-  
ford.

When the police met the burglars,  
the latter abandoned the wagon and  
ran away. The police gave chase, and  
a running fight resulted, in which a  
dozen shots were fired. The burglars  
escaped.

## MANY KILLED BY TORNADO.

### Cape Colony Town Destroyed By a Wind Storm.

(By Associated Press.)  
CAPETOWN, CAPE COLONY, Sept.  
29.—A tornado last night struck Mal-  
mesbury, a town of 3,000 inhabitants,  
and reduced it to ruins. Many per-  
sons were killed.

## FRANCE WILL ACCEPT.

### That Country Will be Represented at the Second Peace Conference.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Sept. 29.—The officials here  
say that France will accept an invita-  
tion to the second peace conference  
at The Hague owing to the united ef-  
forts of Emperor Nicholas and Presi-  
dent Roosevelt.

## 11 AMERICANS LOST

### Typhoon That Struck Islands Killed White Persons.

## THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

### Army Posts Destroyed—Civil and Mil- itary Authorities Are Rushing Sup- plies of Food to the Sufferers—Fif- teen Natives Drowned.

(By Associated Press.)  
MANILA, Sept. 29.—Reports now  
coming in from places along the path  
of the recent typhoon, in the island  
of Luzon and the southern islands in-  
dicate great loss of life and property.

In the waters surrounding Samar  
and other islands, many coasting ves-  
sels and island transports have been  
wrecked. The coast guard cutter Ley-  
te is a complete wreck and eleven  
Americans and twenty-four natives  
were drowned.

At the town of Sorsogon, fifteen na-  
tives were drowned.

The loss of hemp plantations is  
estimated at \$1,000,000.

The army transport Juan Rodri-  
guez is ashore at Legaspi.

In the interior of the island of Samar  
thousands of natives are homeless and  
the same report comes from many of  
the other smaller islands.

The army posts in the southern  
islands have been destroyed.

The civil and military authorities  
are rushing aid to the suffering people  
in the form of supplies of food and  
shelter.

Owing to the destruction of the  
telegraph system, reports received  
from other points are very meagre.

## SHENANDOAH SAILS FOR THE ORIENT

### Big Full-rigged American Ship Makes a Brave Sighting as She Goes to Sea.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 29.—The big  
full-rigged American ship Shenandoah,  
bound from Norfolk for Cavite  
with 4,700 tons of coal for the govern-  
ment passed Cape Henry outward  
bound at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon,  
presenting a brave sight as her canvas  
was broken out and swung from  
her spars which tower nearly 250 feet  
above the water. It looked as though  
a canvas cloud was passing out over  
the sea.

The voyage she embarked upon to-  
day has been made by the swiftest  
steamer from this port in fifty-five  
days, but it is very likely that the  
Shenandoah will not do it under four  
or five months.

The captain did not know of the loss  
of the sistership Roanoke by fire in  
the South seas.

### Dubuque Makes Good Run.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 29.—The U.  
S. gunboat Dubuque has arrived at  
Tompkinsville after a 48 hours' en-  
durance run from Hampton Roads. The  
trial was satisfactory to the naval  
officers.

## RICH YOUNG MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

### His Divorced Wife is a Sister of William K. Vanderbilt's Spouse.

## FOOLISH ACT SHOCKS SOCIETY

### Maid Finds His Lifeless Body Lying on a Bed—Lived Alone Since He Was Separated From His Wife— Shot Himself in the Head With a Revolver.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Williams R.  
Travers, a millionaire, son of the ce-  
lebrated Wall street operator, William  
R. Travers, committed suicide today  
by shooting himself through the head  
in his apartments in Madison avenue.

Mr. Travers was in the prime of life,  
in fair health and possessor of a large  
fortune, and there is no reason ad-  
vanced for the rash act.

Mr. Travers married Miss Lilly Har-  
rigan, a sister of Mrs. W. K. Vander-  
bilt, Jr. The pair separated three  
years ago, Mrs. Travers going to Paris  
to live.

Mr. Travers was an uncle of Mrs.  
Clarence Mackay. He has two sisters.  
Since his separation from his wife  
he had lived entirely alone with the  
care of his valet, Martin Moon.

A maid found Mr. Travers lying  
dead on his bed.

### Surprises Society.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 29.—News  
of the suicide of Wm. R. Travers,  
which was received here tonight,  
caused great surprise among his ac-  
quaintances.

## SHIP ROANOKE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Big Four-Masted Burned in Southern Seas—Seven Men Lost From Schooner.

(By Associated Press.)  
VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 9.—The larg-  
est ship built in American waters, the  
Roanoke, Captain Amesbury, was de-  
stroyed by fire at Nehou, New Caledo-  
nia.

When the Roanoke had loaded 3,085  
tons of a cargo of chrome ore, hoisting  
it in baskets from lighters, fire broke  
out forward. The vessel is a total  
loss.

The Roanoke was a four-masted,  
full-rigged ship.

The schooner Jones Brothers was  
dashed to pieces near Newcastle, after  
breaking her tow line from the steamer  
Helen Nicol on the night of Septem-  
ber 1 and seven men were  
drowned.

## ENGINEER KILLED.

### Fireman Scalded in a wreck of a Nor- folk and Western.

ROANOKE, VA., Sept. 29.—Engi-  
neer James R. Kirby, of this city, was  
killed in a rear-end collision at Lurich,  
on the Norfolk & Western railroad  
this morning. Six cars were derailed.  
Fireman Warren, also of this city, was  
badly scalded.

Engineer Kirby leaves a wife and  
several small children.

North Carolina, 5; Virginia, 0.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 29.—North  
Carolina defeated the Virginia Mil-  
itary Institute today at Lexington in  
the first football game of the season,  
by a score of 5 to 0.

## BIG FALLING OFF OF VIRGINIA'S VOTE

### Poll of the State Shows That There is a Decrease of 60,000.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 29.—The  
News-Leader this afternoon prints a  
partial report of the poll of the State  
for the gubernatorial election.

The vote shows a decrease of about  
60,000 for the entire State, based on  
the vote of last year.

About one-sixth of the vote is ac-  
counted for, and of the one-sixth the  
Democrats will have a majority of at  
least 5,000.

### Cannabals Have a Feast.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 29.—Accord-  
ing to reports brought here by the  
Mlowera, two natives of Moskelyn  
Islands were slaughtered and eaten  
by Kanakas.

## HIS WIFE DEAD HE KILLS HIMSELF

### While Being Taken to Insane Asylum Widower Takes Morphine.

## OUTWITS HIS BODY GUARD

### At the Burial of Woman He Asked Minister to Preach His Own Fu- neral Sermon—Mourns for His Bet- ter Half and Finally Goes Crazy From Grief.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 29.—Cyrus  
H. Fletcher, of Wake, Middlesex coun-  
ty, who was adjudged insane by a  
commission of lunacy shortly after  
the death of his wife, several weeks  
ago, is dead by his own hand, having  
secured and taken a quantity of mor-  
phine while en route to the asylum at  
Williamsburg.

The woman died in spasms follow-  
ing the birth of a son. The death of  
his wife, to whom he was greatly at-  
tached, preyed upon Fletcher's mind.  
At the burial of the woman he is said  
to have told friends that he was re-  
sponsible for her death.

Prepares for Own Funeral.

While on the way home from the  
grave he told his pastor, who had just  
concluded the burial service for his  
wife, that he expected to join her in  
a day or two and that he wanted him  
to preach his funeral service.

He gave to his father, C. T. Fletcher,  
all of his important papers and minute  
instructions as to the disposition of  
his property.

### Friends Remonstrate With Him.

Friends remonstrated with him  
about his despondent condition, to  
all of which he responded that he  
could not live without her, who was  
at rest on his account. He said that  
he could not possibly stay away from  
his wife for more than two days. After  
one of these outbursts he rushed from  
the house to the woods in quest of his  
wife, crying that he heard her calling  
to him but could not find her.

### Adjudged Insane.

A court of lunacy was ordered to  
decide upon his case, and he was ad-  
judged insane. He was started im-  
mediately for the asylum at Williams-  
burg. The party stopped over for the  
night in Gloucester county. He in-  
sisted that his allotted two days in  
the flesh was up, but his friends paid  
no attention to his wild talk.

During the night he obtained pos-  
session of a jar of morphine. He took  
enough of the drug to kill a dozen  
men and died shortly afterwards in  
great agony.

## GAYNOR-GREENE LOSE ALL HOPE

### Today Carter's Old Time Friends Will Be on Their Way to Georgia.

(By Associated Press.)  
MONTREAL, Sept. 29.—George F.  
White, United States marshal for the  
southern district of Georgia, and  
J. W. Doyle, assistant marshal, ar-  
rived here today to take Gaynor and  
Greene back to Savannah, Ga., for trial  
on charges of defrauding the United  
States government.

## Still After Carter's Gold.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—The cross-ex-  
amination of former Captain O. M.  
Carter, of the United States army,  
who is fighting to prevent the confisca-  
tion of the \$600,000 seized at the time  
of his arrest on a charge of defrauding  
the government was continued today.

## WOMAN DEFIES COTTON PROBERS

### She Refuses to Tell About the Inside Workings of the "Graft" Syn- dicate.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Mrs. Sarah  
Peckham, who is connected with the  
cotton leak investigation today again  
refused to answer questions relative  
to the contents of a box, which was  
in the Lincoln Trust Company in this  
city.

Commissioner Oiney told Mrs. Peck-

ham that he would ask the United  
States district Court to adjudge her  
in contempt for refusing to answer  
questions.

## BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED.

### Bennettsville, S. C., Suffers \$100,000 Loss by Fire.

(By Associated Press.)  
BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., Sept. 29.—  
The business block west of the public  
square was burned tonight, with the  
exception of the Planters' Bank build-  
ing. The fire was started by the ex-  
plosion of a gas brazier in a bicycle  
shop and the losses will aggregate  
about \$100,000.

## New Orleans Wrestler Beaten.

(By Associated Press.)  
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 29.—After  
30 minutes of fast wrestling before  
1,200 spectators, Charles Olsen, of  
Illinois, downed Professor Schoenfeld,  
of New Orleans, tonight.

## Dr. Grammer Quits Norfolk.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 29.—Rev.  
Carl E. Grammer, the retired rec-  
tor of Christ Episcopal church, and family,  
left tonight for Philadelphia, to take  
up his work as pastor of St. Stephen's  
in the latter city.

## JAPS FACE A FAMINE

### War Proved More Costly Than Was Expected.

## CEREAL CROPS ARE A FAILURE

### Real Reason Peace Was Made Was That Country is Confronted With a Season of Very Hard Times—Flu- nances at a Low Ebb.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKYO, Sept. 29.—Notwithstanding  
the silence of the government, the real  
fact is disclosed that Japan mace  
peace at Portsmouth in fear of a  
financial breakdown.

The war proved more costly than  
had been calculated and the rice and  
cereal crops seemed doomed to failure.  
While improvement may still be in  
store it is certain that the rice crop  
promised to be from 15 to 20 per cent.  
below the average and far below last  
year's crop when it was marvellously  
large. Six months more of war would  
have meant very hard times.

## PACKERS MUST PLEAD.

### United States Judge Decides Against the Big Butchers.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Federal Judge  
J. Otis Humphrey today sustained the  
demurrer filed by United States Dis-  
trict Attorney Morrison to the plea  
in abatement made by the packers  
seeking to have indictments for al-  
leged restraint of trade declared void.  
The defendants were ordered by the  
court to plead next Thursday.

## Hungarians More Peaceable.

(By Associated Press.)  
BUDAPEST, Sept. 29.—The situa-  
tion is becoming clearer and evidence  
is accumulating that both the coalition  
leaders and the King-Emporer are  
earnestly endeavoring to find a way  
out of the difficulty. Order has been  
restored.

## HINDOOS BOYCOTT ENGLISH MERCHANTS

### Natives Stir Up Trouble for John Bull by Banding Together for Pro- tection.

(By Associated Press.)  
CALCUTTA, Sept. 29.—Fifty thou-  
sand natives have taken the oath at  
the Kalighat Temple, the greatest  
temple in Bengal, on the call of the  
high priest, to abstain from using for-  
eign-made goods when native articles  
are obtainable.

A boycott has been instituted as  
a signed protest against the partition  
of Bengal, which had been proposed  
on the recommendation of Lord Cur-  
zon.

## Fire Near Suffolk.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., Sept. 28.—Last  
night fire destroyed the barn of J. R.  
McCleary, at Buckhorn, Va., west of  
Suffolk. No insurance. Loss about  
\$300.

## GOTHAM BANKERS ARE EASY VICTIMS

### Messenger Boys Handle Millions of Dollars Daily in New York City.

## NO CLUE TO STOLEN BONDS

### Possible for the Swindlers to Realize on \$50,000 Worth of the Paper With- out Much Trouble—Bank Officers Have No Description of the Success- ful Forger.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Far as  
could be ascertained today no attempt  
has yet been made by the thief who  
got possession of \$300,000 worth of se-  
curities by presenting a forged check  
for them at the National City Bank  
yesterday to dispose of them.

The freedom with which securities  
representing hundreds of thousands of  
dollars and even certified checks for  
large amounts are entrusted to mes-  
senger boys was referred to by an of-  
ficial of the National City Bank in  
discussing the disappearance of the Pearl  
and Company securities.

The National City Bank has been  
losing fifty millions a week lately,  
he said, and much of this has been  
taken away by messenger boys in the  
form of certified checks.

The National City Bank officers say  
that they have no description of the  
person who put in the check and got  
out the bonds.

E. F. Slayback, of the firm of Pearl  
and Company, said it was possible that  
the thief might already have realized  
something on part of the securities.  
He said:

"I don't think it impossible for the  
thief to have negotiated Tobacco and  
the Wabash bonds. The tobacco  
bonds are coupon bonds, and they are  
worth \$50,000. If he could negotiate  
the matrone he could throw the rest  
away. Those bonds have coupons pay-  
able on October first. He could sell  
coupons."

## TRADE CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT

### Bradstreets Report Says That Busi- ness is on the Increase in United States.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Bradstreets  
tomorrow will say:  
September, a period of almost un-  
exampled activity in all lines of dis-  
tributive trade and industry closes  
with little abatement visible in de-  
mand and with optimism as to the fu-  
ture.

Additional help to distributive trade  
and collections have been the begin-  
ning of a free movement of spring  
wheat; large sales of cotton, good  
prices south, and unprecedented de-  
mand at top prices for all kinds of  
building material, marked freedom  
from industrial friction and a market  
for labor and its products active as  
rarely before in the country's history.

Business failures for the week en-  
ding September 28, number 185 against  
179 in 1904.

### Jelks Pardons a Pair.

(By Associated Press.)  
MONTGOMERY, ALA., Sept. 29.—  
Governor Jelks today pardoned Ana  
Baker, a white woman, and Early Mer-  
cer, a negro, now in the penitentiary  
serving sentences for miscegenation.  
They were convicted in 1905.

## PASSENGER SHIP IS LONG OVERDUE

### Americans Are Known to Be On Board the Steamer Chang Sha in the Chinese Sea.

(By Associated Press.)  
MANILA, Sept. 30.—The British  
steamer Chang Sha, of 2,500 tons re-  
gister, belonging to the China Naviga-  
tion Company, which sailed from Hong  
Kong to Manila, was overdue 36 hours  
at noon today. A number of Ameri-  
can passengers and considerable mail  
were aboard the steamer. The vessel  
encountered the recent typhoon.