WOOD ALCOHOL VICTIMS

Drinkers of Jamaica Ginger Lose Their Eyesight.

Baltimore Druggists Likely to Be Sued for Furnishing Adulterated Essences—A Physician's Investigation of the Cases and a Chemical Analysis of the Liquids.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—One and possibly two wholesale druggists of this city will, it is said, be made defendants in a prosecution that will cause a sensation, not only in Baltimore, but throughout the United States, and will prove of unusual interest to oculists.

The charge, which will in a general sense be the using of a dangerous adulterant in the manufacture of "Jamaica ginger," will contain the specific declaration that by substituting methyl or wool alcohol for ethyl, or pure, alcohol many persons have been stricten blind. This charge will doubtless pave the way for damage suits involving many thousands of dollars.

In certain local option towns of Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania Jamaica ginger is used by topers and victims of alcoholism in lieu of whisky or other stimulants. It is always easy to secure Jamaica ginger in country towns, and it is said that of late its consumption has grown to alarming proportions.

Jamaica ginger properly manufactured—that is, with pure alcohol—is said to be practically harmless. But pure alcohol costs $2.45 per gallon. The manufacturer in substituting wood alcohol, at a cost of 75 cents to 80 cents per gallon, thus enormously increases his profits.

The discovery that the use of wood alcohol causes total blindness has aroused the medical profession and the enquiry set on foot to discover who was responsible for using the cheap adulterant in the ginger led to piling up proof against two firms of this city. It is said that the investigators have secured, under legal advice, the kind of proof that will be accepted by judge and jury.

Dr. Herbert Harlan, of Baltimore, who has made a close study of the effects of ginger drinking, has prepared a paper setting forth his experience in dealing with several persons whose total blindness has been traced to the use of the adulterated compound. This paper will appear in the "Opthalmic Record" and will be accompanied by an analysis of some of the Jamaica ginger which it is said was sold to and drunk by several persons who afterward became blind. These victims have engaged counsel to bring suit against those charged with having made the dangerous mixture. The paper of Dr. Harlan is as follows:

Dr. Harlan's Paper.

"In 1897 Dr. A. G. Thompson reported in the 'Opthalmic Record' a case of complete blindness due to the drinking of essence of ginger. About that time we began to see these cases in Baltimore. Dr. Hiram Woods reported six such cases. Their novelty excited a good deal of interest. It has been the habit in local option neighborhoods for a long time for people craving alcohol to substitute the various alcoholic essences when the ordinary form could not be obtained. And that cases so striking as complete blindness should have escaped notice and publication was unaccountable. Such cases must have only been occurring recently.

"In 1898 nine cases of blindness and death from drinking 'methyl' alcohol were reported. The very first on record was that of Viger, which was generally overlooked, being published in the 'l'Annee Medicle,' June, 1877. There is a striking similarity in the symptoms of all these cases, and, as will be seen later, they are the same when the essence of ginger and peppermint were the beverages used.

"In Viger's case an hour after drinking there came on intense headache, vomiting, profuse sweating, dilation of pupils, and delirium. Next day the delirum was gone, but there was a complete blindness. After a week sight began to return and at the end of six weeks the patient could see to get about. Subsequently he became entirely blind. This may be taken as a typical case where a full dose either of more or less impure wood alcohol or one of the essences is taken.

"In some cases when the dose was large or taken on an empty stomach death ensued in a few hours. Some others where the dose was small entirely recovered. In most cases there was violent sickness, then blindness and then some return of sight, then complete blindness, with optic nerve atrophy.

"The consumption of wood alcohol by manufacturing druggists has increased enormously in the last decade. It can be bought wholesale for 75 cents per gallon [illegible] 95 per cent, 80 cents per gallon of 97 per cent, while the ordinary 95 per cent ethyl alcohol costs $2.45. When it is remembered that these essences contain about 95 per cent of some sort of alcohol it is easy to understand the temptation for an unscrupulous manufacturing druggist to use the cheap and poisonous variety. I am satisfied in my own mind that such a thing is being done. To prove it was another matter.

A Case From Crisfield.

"Case 1. On March 6, 1900, O. O., aged twenty-eight, from Crisfield, Md., was admitted to the Presbyterian Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital. The history was that on election day the previous November he had drunk seven bottles of Jamaica ginger and was made drunk by it. He, however, was able to walk home in the evening, a distance of two miles. The family state that he drank seven more bottles, and then went to bed. He was very sick, and knew nothing until three days later. When he awoke he found that he was almost blind, but could see to get about. His vision slowly decreased until February 1, since which time it has been stationary.

"On admission he could see light and large objects in an uncertain way. The ophthalmoscope showed optic nerve atrophy. The treatment was strychnia and pilocarpin sweats each night. March 13 he counted fingers at three feet, but as is usual in these cases there was a good deal of variation in his vision from day to day. He left the hospital March 27, and the note on that day is 'little improvement in vision.'

"I wrote to Dr. G. T. Simonson, of Crisfield, and he very kindly obtained for me a sample of the same package of Jamaica ginger from which O.'s supply had come. Dr. Simonson writes me further that 'O. later became entirely blind.' The ginger was made by a well-known wholesale drug house of Baltimore.

"Case 2. N. B. D., aged thirty, American, single, of Circleville, W. Va., came to the same hospital in April, 1900. He gave a history of going on about six sprees a year. When he could not get whisky or brandy he drank drugs—as essence of cinnamon, peppermint, lemon, or hot drops. Sometimes he would go for a month without drinking, then he would drink for a week at a time. He had used tobacco continuously for seven years by chewing, snuffing, and smoking.

"His trouble began May, 1899. On a Saturday he drank three bottles of essence of peppermint and part of a bottle of essence of lemon. The next day he felt unnerved, sick, and stupid, and his eyesight began to grow dim. The dimness increased, and by Wednesday he could only distinguish light from darkness. Examinations showed both nerves to be atrophic. The fields were small and irregular. His vision was 5-cc in each eye. His field improved materially and the central vision a little, being when he left the hospital, on June 6, 6-cc in the right eye and 7-cc in the left eye.

"He brought with him to the hospital about half of one of the bottles of peppermint. It was put up by the same firm as the ginger bought in Crisfield.

Two Deaths in York County.

"In a daily paper of September 6 I saw an account of the death of two men at Fawn Grove, York county, Pa. I wrote to Dr. B. Hawkins, of that place, in hopes that he could give me some details. He wrote me a most interesting letter, giving an account of the drinking, of the symptoms manifested, including blindness in one case and of the death of the two men. He volunteered further the name of the manufacturer of the essence of ginger drunk. It was the same Baltimore firm as in the other cases. Later he obtained quite a large supply from the Fawn Grove store. Samples in similar bottles and with like labels were obtained from Harford county and other places.

"I consulted Messrs. Hynson & Westcott, the well-known druggists of Baltimore, as to the test for methyl alcohol. They became interested in the matter and kindly had Mr. Dunning, of their chemistry department, make an analysis. Mr. Hynson submitted an analysis as made by him."

Following is the paper prepared by Messrs. Hynson and Dunning:

"The serious, really sad results following the drinking of so-called "essences' of peppermint and Jamaica ginger reported by Dr. Harlan, must startle that experienced pharmacist and at once create in his mind doubt regarding the quality of the constituents used in preparing these compounds, since it must have often come to his knowledge that they have been used in large quantities as stimulants, when prepared according to the pharmacopoeia, without apparent injury.

"This positive knowledge of pharmacists as to the proved comparative harmlessness of these popular domestic remedies, even when taken in much larger quantities than was used by the patients referred to, quickly brings the conclusion that when they are found to possess toxic properties they have been improperly made.

"'Essence of peppermint' should be a synonym for the U. S. P. spirit of peppermint, a 10 per cent, by volume, solution of oil of peppermint in ethylic alcohol, while 'essence of Jamaica ginger' should be the U. S. P. tincture, ethylic alcohol, in every 100 c. c. of which is dissolved the oleoresinous matter of 200 grams of ginger.

"As stated by Dr. Harlan, we have, at his request and in the interest of better and more honorable pharmacy, undertaken to prove in a practical manner: First, the absence of sufficient ethylic alcohol in the liquids taken by the unfortunates cited; secondly, that other products and ingredients than those authorized by the pharmacopoeia were used in their manufacture; thirdly, that one of the constituents is methylic or wood alcohol.

"It is proper just here to say that acquaintance with the value of the ingredients entering into the pharmacopoeia preparations and a knowledge of the prices at which these commercial products are sold to grocers and country merchants would prejudice the case in the mind of any competent business man.

Experiments With Ginger Product.

"Through the kindness of Dr. Harlan and his friends we have been supplied sufficient of the ginger product with which to experiment. Not enough of the peppermint, however, was at hand to work upon satisfactorily, yet the small quantity we had plainly showed it bore the same taint as the ginger, differing from the latter, however, in the large amount of water present—about 33 per cent—a quantity possible in the weak peppermint solution, but impossible with the ginger and capsicum preparation.

"It is quite natural, we think, to suspect the presence of methylic alcohol, since its peculiar toxic effects had been noticed, and because to the mercenary manufacturer it is the logical substitute for ethylic alcohol. Every other solvent of the kind is prohibited by more noticeable physical properties, excepting, perhaps, acetone, and the absence of this is proved by the higher boiling point of the suspected product.

"To the unitiated the matter of separating and proving organic compounds may appear as something to be easily effected, but to the chemist it offers many difficulties, suggests an immense amount of detail and requires much time, which, unfortunately, is rarely at the command of the active pharmacist.

"As a preliminary we prepared, as are here exhibited, two distillates—one from the U. S. P. tincture and one from an equal quantity of the suspected 'essence.' The respective residues from these are worthy of notice. It will be observed that they are very different in appearance, as they are in taste. Capsicum is evidently present in large quantities in the 'essence,' being used to make it 'hot' when a small proportion of the more expensive ginger is used. So far, however, we have not made critical examinations of these residues.

"From the distillate of the suspected 'essence' we then secured by successive careful fractionations a product with a fixed boiling point. By repeated experiment we found that a mixture representing 75 per cent of wood alcohol and 25 per cent ethylic alcohol very nearly resembles the first essence distillate.

"Since the final product of fractional distillation boils steadily at 65 degrees and has the characteristic odor of wood alcohol, we unhesitatingly pronounce it to be nothing more, nothing less. Additional evidences of its identity are shown in its ability to rapidly reduce potassium permanganate, to reduce silver nitrate after formates have been formed by the oxidizing effect of potassium dichromate and to its ability to form methyl salicylate (artificial oil of wintergreen) when treated with sulphuric and salicylic acids.

"While we do not profess to be expert chemists and are not sure our work would be recognized in the law courts, yet we believe the results secured are such as to convince almost anyone that wood alcohol is present in large quantities in the essence of ginger examined. It must also be concluded, since tincture of ginger made with ethylic alcohol has never produced the toxic and sight-destroying effects described by Dr. Harlan, that methylic alcohol is entirely unfit for administration."

Firemen Skate to a Blaze.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 11.—Dover firemen went to a conflagration on skates Saturday. This was necessitated by the fact that it was sleeting, and a thick coating of ice covered the sidewalks and streets, when about 11 o'clock an alarm called out the department. The fire, though a very threatening one, in the heart of the town, was subdued. It originated in a frame house occupied by Enoch David.

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THE INAUGURAL PAGEANT

Thousands of Soldiers and Others Coming From All Sections.

The Military Line Will Have More Than 12,000 Men, While at Least 5,000 Civilians Will March—List of Organizations That Have Requested Place in the Great Procession.

Thirty-five civic organizations, hailing from all parts of the country, have already indicated their intention of being present during the inauguration, and of participating in the inaugural parade. The very lowest estimate of the aggregate number of men represented by these organizations, and the bands which will accompany them to the National Capital, is 5,000. At the inauguration of four years ago, 6,000 men in line represented the forty civic organizations which participated in the parade. Ten days remain in which civic organizations can file official notification with the Committee on Civic Organizations, and be included in the list which will be printed in the orders of the Grand Marshal governing the parade, and assigning the organizations to places in line. All civic organizations notifying the inaugural committees of intention to participate in the parade, after the 20th instant, will be assigned to positions in the parade, but the fact will not be printed either in the Grand Marshal's orders or in the official programme.

Nearly all of the organizations which have so far signified their purpose to be present on the 4th of March have been accommodated with quarters for their stay in the National Capital. Following is a list of organizations which have officially signified their intention to participate at the inauguration:

Young Men's Republican Club, Wilmington, Del., 150 men and band, quartered at the Ardmore, 516 Thirteenth Street.

Garrel A Hobart Association, Newark, N. J.

Frelinhuysen Lancers Association, Newark, N. J., 150 men and drum corps.

West Chester Pioneer Corps No. 1, West Chester, Pa., 100 men and band.

Tepeka Republican Flambeau Club, Topeka, Kans., 100 men and band.

Continental '76 Club, Philadelphia, quartered at Howard House, Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street.

Bloomington Zouaves, Bloomington, Ind.

Republican League, State of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.

Minneapolis Republican Flambeau Club, Minneapolis, Minn., quartered at First and B Street southeast, 100 men.

Americus Republican Club, Pittsburg, Pa., 150 men.

Harrison Club, Philadelphia, Pa., 187 men. Quartered at Ebbitt House, Fourteenth and F Streets.

C. P. Huntington Republican League Club, Newport News, Va.

Virginia Republican Association.

Carlisle Indian School Cadets, Carlisle, Pa.

W. W. Greist Club, Lancaster, Pa.

Roosevelt Republican Club, St. Paul, Minn.

Lancaster Republican Glee Club, Lancaster, Ohio. Fifty men.

Railsplitters of Toledo, Ohio. 150 men.

Union League Club, of Baltimore, Md. Quartered at Grand Armory Hall, Pennsylvania Avenue, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets.

A. C. Harmer Republican Campaign Club, Philadelphia, Pa., 200 men. Quartered at National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street.

Hamilton Club, of Chicago, Ill., 200 men.

Third Congressional District Republican Association, Baltimore, Md., 500 men.

Roosevelt Marching Club, Minneapolis, Minn., 75 men. Quartered at Harper's Hall, 467 C Street.

Lincoln Club, New York city, 300 men; quartered at Riggs House.

Tippecanoe Club, Cleveland, Ohio; 100 men.

Union County Republican Association, Elizabeth, N. J.; 200 men.

Taylor District Republican Club, Unionville, Va.

Freemont Iowa Association, Des Moines, Iowa.

Stamina Republican League, Cincinnati, Ohio, 150 men; quartered at Lawrence Hotel.

Syracuse Escort, Syracuse, N. Y., 75 men and band of forty pieces.

Harry S. Scott Seventh Ward Republican Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

James L. Goodall Republican Beneficial Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

Over 12,000 militiamen from various States have promised to be in line. Besides the various soldiers of the National Guard, the United States Army will also be represented by a large contingent. The orders of the Grand Marshal, to be issued about the 20th of the current month, will contain the names of all military organizations who have signified their intention to participate in the parade. The names of other military organizations, received subsequently, will be omitted, as in the case of the civic organizations, but will be assigned to positions in the parade. The National Guard troops of the various States which have intimated their intention to march are as follows:

National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania, fourteen regiments, 9,000 men.

Fourth Regiment Maryland National Guard, 50 men.

Fifth Regiment Maryland National Guard, 500 men.

Fifth Regiment Veteran Corps, Baltimore, Md., 170 men.

Naval Brigade Maryland National Guard, 200 men.

Troop A, Maryland National Guard, Baltimore, Md., 70 men and horses.

Twenty-third Regiment, Brooklyn, N. Y., 500 men.

One regiment Massachusetts National Guard, 500 men.

Squadron A, New York National Guard, New York city, 150 men.

Company B, Second Regiment New York National Guard, Cohoes, N. Y., 100 men.

Troop A, Ohio National Guard, 80 men and horses.

Company H, Fifth Infantry Illinois National Guard, and band, 125 men.

Washington Infantry, Pittsburg, Pa., 100 men.

Company D, Ninth Volunteer Infantry, Boston, Mass., 50 men.

Two companies and Signal Corps from State of Maine, 120 men.

Maryland Agricultural College, 120 men.

The "Chicago American," published by William R. Hearst, proposes to send 200 school children of the public schools of Chicago to the inauguration. A special train will bring the little folk to Washington, arriving here March 1, remaining ten days, and returning on the 10th of March. The children will witness the inaugural celebration, see the sights of the Capital, and will also be indulged in a trip to Mount Vernon to visit the tomb of Washington. The "Chicago American" desires to build a special stand for the children, from which they can view the inaugural parade. The children will be selected from the boys and girls of the fourth grade in each of the schools. A competitive examination will be held by the Chicago Board of Education, and one boy and one girl from each school will be nominated to join the party.

George L. Wood, representing the "Chicago American," is in the city to make arrangements for the accommodation of the children and for their entertainment. He states that the party will leave Chicago in a train of Pullman cars, accompanied by twenty-five matrons and doctors.

The first souvenir invitation, which is to be presented with the tickets of admission to the inaugural ball, was received this morning by Chairman Wight, of the Committee on Invitations and Tickets, and by him presented to Chairman Edson. Both Mr. Wight and Mr. Edson are delighted with the result.

The invitation is an exquisite piece of book work. The cover is of board, bound at the back with white kid. No printing or mark of any character, with the exception of a gold American eagle holding an American flag in its claws, embossed on the front cover, has been placed upon the exterior. Within the frontispiece is a beautiful steel engraved portrait design of McKinley and Roosevelt. The book is entirely devoted to the histories of preceding inaugurations, and a halftone portrait of every President of the United States has been inserted.

Grand Marshal, Gen. F. V. Greene, and his chief-of-staff, A. Noel Blakeman, arrived in Washington from New York last night. Mr. Blakeman will remain in the city until after the inauguration. Lieutenant Overton, in charge of the Grand Marshal's headquarters, reports the following appointments and acceptance of the position of aides-de-camp: Col. William G. Dows, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the staff of the State Adjutant General; John P. Pratt, of Bennet, Neb.; George R. Van De Water, pastor of St. Andrews Church, New York city, and Chaplain of the Seventy-first Regiment, New York National Guard, and D. W. C. Falls, captain and adjutant of the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard.

Work on the various reviewing stands to be erected for the inaugural parade is going on rapidly all along Pennsylvania Avenue. At the White House and along Lafayette Square, great progress has already been made on the Court of Honor and the attendant reviewing stands. A sawmill has been erected in Executive Avenue, which is being used to prepare the lumber.

A stand is being erected for Senator Hanna, on the site of the old Department of Justice. The stand will be glassed in and heated. Senator Hanna will entertain the members of the Republican National Committee and their families during the parade, and will serve a luncheon within the stand. The stand will accommodate 200 people when completed. The clerks of the Department of Justice have taken part of the stand within the Court of Honor for their needs.

SUED BY A WASHINGTONIAN.

Claim for $30,000 Damages Against a Newport News Railway.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 11.—The first case set for trial in the Elizabeth City county circuit court, which will commence tomorrow or Wednesday, is that of Mrs. Ella Downey, of Washington, who is suing the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company for $30,000 for alleged injuries received by her while riding from Buck Roe Beach to Phoebus last summer.

Mrs. Downey was thrown into the "trapdoor" in the bottom of the car, which was forced open by a heavy jar, and, according to the bill of allegation, received injuries which will hasten her death. Since the accident Mrs. Downey has been ill in Washington. The suit for damages was entered several months ago, and at that time it was thought only $10,000 would be asked. After investigating the circumstances in connection with the accident her attorneys decided to raise it $20,000, making the largest damage suit ever entered on the Peninsula.

PREPARES FOR HIS SUICIDE.

A Man Orders His Casket and Buys His Burial Robe.

BRISTOL, Va., Feb. 11.—Solomon Roller, aged sixty-one years, a citizen of Sullivan county, Tenn., committed suicide at his home a few miles south of Bristol on Friday night. Mr. Roller went about his self-destruction calmly and deliberately. He came to Bristol on Friday morning, having told a daughter before leaving home that he intended suicide. The daughter did not anticipate that her father really meant to commit such an act, and so was not alarmed. While in Bristol Mr. Roller purchased a quantity of strychnine which he took after reaching home.

The deceased owned valuable property. It is said that domestic trouble and the threat of a neighbor to sue him for some cause probably led to his suicide.

A singular feature of his course was that he had given an order for his casket a few days beforehand, which was to be like that in which his wife was buried only a few months ago, the contract price being $12. He also purchased his burial robe while in Bristol on Friday.

A LEGISLATIVE FILIBUSTER.

West Virginia Lawmakers Trying to Force an Extra Session.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—A minority of the members of the Legislature have expressed their determination to force an extra session, and as a result so much legislation has been held up that the authorities are alarmed. An extra session costs about $2,000 a day.

Delegate J. D. Anderson, of Nicholas County, is one of the leaders of the extra session faction. Every time a motion is to be passed upon, no matter if it pertains simply to a recess for lunch, Anderson is on his feet demanding the roll call. Three and four hours a day are lost in this fashion by the obstructionists, who are doing so because certain appropriations have been eliminated from the general bill.

The sergeant-at-arms and Anderson have had several battles on the floor of the House. His opponents threaten to expel him from the House.

SMALLPOX CASE ON A TRAIN.

The Victim Rode With Passengers in Pennsylvania.

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 11.—Daniel Garlinger, of Scotland, several miles southwest of this place, is suffffering with smallpox. It is supposed that he caught the disease at Steelton, from which place he returned a few days ago.

It is supposed that he came to Shippensburg on a freight train, and from here rode in a Cumberland Valley passenger coach, which the company has taken out of service, and is having thoroughly fumigated. There is no telling how many persons he came in contact with on the trip. The case is rigidly quarantined, and the pupils at the Scotland Soldiers' Orphans' School and the residents generally are being vaccinated.

J. J. HILL'S YACHTING TRIP.

Archbishop Ireland and Mr. Morgan to Be of the Party.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 11.—James J. Hill will entertain Archbishop Ireland and J. Pierpont Morgan on a four months' cruise on his private yacht Wacouta, which is now being fitted out at Erie Basin, N. Y. Some other financiers will be in the party.

The yacht's officers left St. Paul Saturday evening for New York, to prepare the vessel for the trip and the guests will assemble in the course of the week. The Bermudas, Porto Rico, Cuba, and South American ports will be visited first and then the yacht will go to Naples and the Mediterranean.

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DIED.

SOLYOM—Suddenly, on Saturday, February 9, 1901, at 11 p. m., at residence in Montgomery County, Md., SARAH J. SOLYOM, beloved wife of Louis C. Solyom.

Funeral at late home on Tuesday, February 12, at 3 o'clock p. m. el

MANNING—On Saturday, February 9, 1901, at 3 p. m., DR. WILLIAM P. MANNING, aged fifty-six years, formerly of Charlestown, W. Va.

Funeral from his late residence, 1511 Rhode Island Avenue, Monday, February 11, at 2 p. m. Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery. m10-2

MANNING—The members of the Confederate Veterans' Association are requested to attend the funeral of their late comrade, DR. WILLIAM P. MANNING, Company B, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry, from his late residence, 1511 Rhode Island Avenue northwest, at 2 p. m. Monday, February 11, 1901. WILLIAM A. GORDON, President, C. V. A. ml

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ASSETS.

Bonds and Mortgages	$45,411,662.86
Real Estate in New York, including the Equitable Building	24,467,368.62
United States, State, City and Railroad Bonds and other investments (market value over cost, $15,376,022.00)	162,896,244.00
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (market value, $31,933,188.00)	25,371,587.00
Policy Loans	7,372,645.27
Real Estate outside of New York, including 12 office buildings	13,721,356.50
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest	17,718,576.56
Balance due from agents	524,183.14
Interest and Rents. (Due $107,760.95. Accrued $489,228.59)	596,989.54
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	$45,319,138.69
Interest, Rents, etc.	12,687,992.29
Income	**$58,007,130.98**

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims	$14,860,952.15
Endowments and deferred dividend policies	5,939,038.75
Annuities	668,923.98
Surrender Values	1,915,443.77
Dividends to Policyholders	3,481,640.65
Paid Policyholders	**$25,965,999.30**
Commissions, advertising, postage and exchange	5,604,396.11
All other disbursements	4,692,571.10
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.
J. G. VAN CISE, *Actuary.* R. G. HANN, *Assistant Actuary*

We have examined the accounts and Assets of the Society, and certify to the correctness of the foregoing statement.
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Set new curb and lay cement sidewalks—On the south side of M Street northwest, from Eighth Street to Ninth Street, at an estimated cost of $710, to be assessed against all lots in square 401 abutting on said M Street between the limits named. On the east side of Third Street northeast, from H Street northward to the north line of lot 49, square 776, at an estimated cost of $475, to be assessed against lots 4, 37, 38, 39, and 40, square 776. On the south side of F Street northeast, from Fourteenth Street eastward a distance of 120 feet from the east building line of said Fourteenth Street, at an estimated cost of $410, to be assessed against lots in square 1052 abutting on said F Street between the limits named. On both sides of Detroit Street, from Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street, at an estimated cost of $7,467, to be assessed against all lots in block 5, and block 6, South Brookland, abutting on said Detroit Street between the limits named. On the west side of Fourteenth Street southeast, from E Street to G Street, at an estimated cost of $1,673, to be assessed against all lots in square 1043 abutting on said Fourteenth Street between the limits named.

Reset curb and lay cement sidewalk—On both sides of N Street northwest, from Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street, at an estimated cost of $2,500, to be assessed against all lots in squares 158 and 159 abutting on said N Street between the limits named. On both sides of N Street northwest, from Fifth Street to Sixth Street, at an estimated cost of $884, to be assessed against all lots in squares 480 and 481 abutting on said N Street between the limits named. On the north side of M Street northwest, from Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street, at an estimated cost of $701, to be assessed against all lots in square 281 abutting on said M Street between the limits named. On the north side of M Street northwest, from Tenth Street to Eleventh Street, at an estimated cost of $472, to be assessed against all lots in square 340 abutting on said M Street between the limits named. On the north side of M Street northwest, from Ninth Street to Tenth Street, at an estimated cost of $943, to be assessed against all lots in square 368 abutting on said M Street between the limits named.

Set new curb and lay cement sidewalk—On the north side of D Street southeast, from Fifteenth Street to Sixteenth Street, at an estimated cost of $1,040, to be assessed against all lots in square 1074 abutting on said D Street between the limits named.

Reset curb and lay cement or brick sidewalk—On the south side of Chicago Street northeast, from First Street eastward to the east line of lot 76, square 720, at an estimated cost of $400, to be assessed against lots 59, 154, 62, 165, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, and 76, square 720.

Pave alleys with vitrified or asphalt block—East-and-west alley in block 7, Commissioners' subdivision of Washington Heights, extending from Eighteenth Street to the west line of lot 23, in said block 7, at an estimated cost of $868, to be assessed against lots 23 and 26, block 7, Commissioners' subdivision of Washington Heights. Alley in square 24, abutting lots 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, and 19, square 24, as recorded in Book No. 1, Assessor's office, District of Columbia, at an estimated cost of $240. All unpaved alleys in the south half of square 620, at an estimated cost of $660, to be assessed against the following lots in the said south half of square 620, namely: 60, 61, 62, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, "of O," and "of P," abutting 19 feet by the depth thereof on North I Street, lots 220, 221, 222, 223, 224; the four unnumbered lots lying between lots 66 and 220 and abutting 77.2 feet by the depth thereof on Pierce Street, and the five unnumbered lots lying between lots 69 and 284 and abutting 84 feet by the depth thereof on Pierce Street. HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND, JOHN W. ROSS, LANSING H. BEACH, Commissioners D. C. f11,12,22,23

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