



INSURANCE MONIES ARE RECKLESSLY EXPENDED

Grand Jury Returns Six Indictments Against Walter Gillette and One Against Robert Grannis, Ex-Mutual Life Vice-Presidents.

PERJURY CHARGED IN COMPLAINTS

NEW YORK GRAND JURY CHARGES FORMER VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY WITH GROSS MISAPPROPRIATION OF INSURANCE FUNDS—PROSECUTION WILL BE COMMENCED.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Six indictments were found against Dr. Walter G. Gillette, five for perjury, in the third degree, and one for perjury, and an indictment against Robert A. Grannis, charging forgery and making a false statement in the department, by the grand jury today. Both are former vice-presidents of the Mutual Life. The first indictment against Gillette charges a false entry showing the payment of \$4500 to George McKibbin and son for advertising.

Made False Entries.
The second indictment charges the entry of \$20,000 instead of \$12,700 for printing and stationery.

The third and fourth indictments charge similar misdemeanors; the fifth is similar to the first, and the sixth charging perjury, alleges that on May 11, 1906, Gillette appeared before the grand jury and testified a certain bank account at Doherty's Ferry was his personal possession, when as a fact the account was as a trustee of the Mutual Life, and the money had come from the funds of the Mutual Life.

The indictment against Grannis charges

that in his report for the year ending December 31, 1904, filed with the superintendent of insurance, he failed to make any report of the profits of the income from the sale and maturity of ledger assets, while as a matter of fact the company's net profit had been over \$1,000,000. Another indictment against Grannis is to the same import.

Operations Covered Up.
The grand jury in its presentment to the court says that the evidence clearly shows that large sums of money have been obtained yearly by means most irregular and fraudulent, and while probably applied to uses thought to be for the benefit of the company, such expenditures were improper.

"The system employed," the jury says, "was confessedly designed to deceive and conceal and renders it very difficult to fix the responsibility."

"Moreover, the death of several persons whose evidence might have been of great value has apparently encouraged the tendency to throw burdens upon the dead which others perhaps would have had to bear had death not intervened."

LONDON, June 11.—The British ship Wolden Abby, Captain Campbell, from London for San Francisco, was spoken on April 12, in latitude 29 N., longitude 19 W., with her cargo afloat.

BACCALAUREATE AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Ore., June 11.—The annual baccalaureate exercises of Albany College were held yesterday. President H. M. Crooks delivered the baccalaureate address in the United Presbyterian church yesterday morning to an immense crowd. Professor A. R. Sweetser, of the University of Oregon, delivered the principal address.

DENVER IS CHOSEN.

DENVER, June 11.—Denver was today chosen as the headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners by a large majority vote. Acting Secretary Kirwin said tonight that in all likelihood the election of officers will be reached tomorrow. He said further that President Moyer and Secretary Haywood would not be disturbed in office. There would, he said, be no election for those offices and, as the by-laws of the federation provided the officers will hold until successors are elected and they will thus continue in office.

ADDICKS IS DEFEATED FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

DOVER, Del., June 11.—Colonel Henry Adupent tonight defeated J. Edward Addicks in the contest for the vacant seat from Delaware in the Senate. Adupent was selected to fill the vacancy by a caucus of republican members of the legislature and ends the contest that has continued for eleven years during which Addicks has been the can-

SIX KILLED IN RIOT.

WARSAW, June 11.—Six were killed in a riot here today. The disturbance is reported to have been organized to avenge the workman Marczewski, who was executed in the citadel Saturday, for attempting to kill a police officer.

STEAMER ASHORE.

HALIFAX, June 11.—The Marconi wireless station at Cape Sable reports a steamer ashore on a ledge. There are no particulars yet.

NEW YORK, June 11.—One was killed and more than twenty persons were injured when a locomotive and two cars of the Atlantic City express on the Central of New Jersey, jumped the track at the switch at Eatonville, N. J.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

MANHATTAN, Nev., June 11.—A party of twenty-six people mostly physicians and nurses, who were driving to Belmont to attend a dance today met a serious accident. The brakes broke on a hill and the vehicle dashed into a gully. Two of the party may die, a third is seriously injured and others suffered minor injuries.

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TERRIBLE FIRE IN TENEMENT.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Four are dead and several missing as the result of a fire in a five-story tenement at 209 East Ninety-seventh street today. Two firemen were injured by falling from the building and one of them cannot live. A score of thrilling rescues took place and just as the firemen were about to take a woman and her two babies from the fire escape on the third floor, the woman fell overcome by smoke and dropped the child. It was dropped to death on the pavement thirty feet below. The building was occupied by twenty-one families, and the fire spread so rapidly that the inmates were cut off from escape except by the fire escapes.

NORTH IS FAVORED LABOR QUESTIONS

Democrats Allege South Gets No Consular Positions.

Plan to Submit Problems to Industrial Council.

OREGON AMONG THE CHOSEN

TO SETTLE ALL DIFFERENCES

Trial of Herman Again Gives Easterners An Opportunity to Denounce Oregon As Bad Land Fraud Land.

President Hopper of Building Trades Employers' Association Advocates This Plan As Mode of Settlement.

ASTORIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 11.—In democratic criticism of the administration the present week to prove radical prejudice against the Southern States in opposition to diplomatic and consular officials among the States it was stated on authority of the State Department that Oregon was credited with one minister and two consuls. The minister is John Barrett, who went to Siam from Oregon under the Cleveland administration, and was more recently sent to Panama and later to Colombia. Since his first appointment, the republican element of the State has sought to unload him, yet finds that, although appointed the last time through influences entirely independent of the State, he is charged to Oregon.

Congressman Burleson, of Texas, who introduced the subject of discrimination against the South, produced figures showing that of the eleven great Southern States, there were only three diplomatic positions given them, out of a total of ninety-six diplomatic offices at the disposal of each president, and the same States received but about twelve out of a total of 294 consular offices. Against this record, Mr. Burleson showed that New York had nineteen of the ninety-six diplomatic positions and thirty-seven of the 294 consular offices. Pennsylvania has nine of the diplomatic offices, Massachusetts eight, Illinois seven and California six. The ranking States in consular favor are New York with the number given, Connecticut 10, District of Columbia 18, Illinois 17, Indiana 11, Massachusetts 19, Ohio 28, Pennsylvania 22. In delivering his speech, Mr. Burleson said he did not expect to give the South any better standing, as there seemed a fixed purpose to slight it in such patronage, but he did hope to pave the way for bringing these offices to communities a little more representative of the entire nation.

Stock Grazing.

The tremor caused by reports in Washington that one or two state courts of the West had ruled that the government at present had no authority to prevent stock grazing on forest reserve, or enforce regulations requiring pay for the license or of a prohibitory nature, is not seriously disturbing the Department of Agriculture officials, who believe that the interpretation of the law would be upheld by the United States Supreme court. If the matter is agitated materially, arrangements will in all probability be made for an appeal to the highest tribunal. Important work would be upset by such a finding as that reported being sustained on appeal.

Herman's Trial.

The trial of Congressman Binger Hermann at Washington this month is being made the subject for renewed advertising of Oregon "land frauds." Whenever there is a lull of any material length of time, some event is seized upon by those in touch with the State Department to advertise Oregon as hav-

NEW YORK, June 11.—"Establish an industrial court with full power to settle all questions between employer and employee," said Isaac A. Hopper, president of the Building Trades Employers' Association yesterday. "Establish a court that will settle the differences between employer and employee in the same manner and with the same authority that the civil court disposes of cases of creditor versus debtor, and the criminal court disposes of cases of the people versus the man charged with a crime, and in this way differences may be quickly and finally disposed of, and the tendency to socialism and anarchism will be curtailed."

Mr. Hopper made this statement apropos of the situation that threatens to bring to a standstill building operations in New York City.

"In view of my experiences as an employer of labor for thirty years," said Mr. Hopper, "I am fully convinced that some plans must be adopted different from any we have tried up to the present, to settle differences in the building trades. Arbitration between parties, whereon one side there is nothing binding or nobody to be held responsible, has, to my mind, proved itself a failure. I am fully convinced that this problem must be handled and solved so that decisions will be binding on both sides, and a failure to abide by a decision will be followed by punishment of some sort. Then we can protect the public from the hardships imposed upon them by strikes of which they are innocent victims."

The board of governors of the Building Trades' Employers' Association will meet today to arrange for manning the buildings at once.

WESTERLUND FLOATED.

CAPE MAY, N. J., June 11.—With more than 1000 persons on board, the steamship Westerlund, from Liverpool for Philadelphia is hard aground on the south shoals near the entrance to Delaware Bay. The big steamer struck about 10:15 this morning. Although she lies hard aground she is in good shape and in an easy position and there are strong hopes that she will be floated with the assistance of tugs at high tide early in the morning. There was no pilot on the steamer when she grounded, the captain expecting to take one on board near the Overfalls light. She was steaming under full headway when she struck. Life saving crew No. 40, is standing by the steamer and will remain there until the vessel is floated.

LATER.

CAPE MAY, N. Y., June 11.—The steamship Westerlund was floated at 11:40 p. m. tonight at high tide. The liner steamed to the Delaware Breakwater where she will remain until daylight.

ASHES FALLING.

NAPLES, June 11.—Owing to the falling in of the crater of Vesuvius toward Ottajano there was a thick rain of ashes today, but little harm was done.

TUCKER DIES WITHOUT SHOWING SINGLE TREMOR

Murderer of Mabel Page Goes to the Electric Chair Never Weakening in the Least—Reads Final Statement Before Death.

KILLED SWEETHEART IN MARCH 1904

EVIDENCE AGAINST CONDEMNED MAN WAS ENTIRELY CIRCUMSTANTIAL AND THE LEGAL FIGHT TO SAVE TUCKER FROM THE CHAIR WAS THE BITTEREST EVER WAGED IN MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, June 12.—Charles L. Tucker was electrocuted at 12:12 this morning for the murder of Mabel Page. Tucker was officially pronounced dead at 12:19. Three applications were made. When Tucker arrived in front of the death chair he drew from his trousers a brief statement which he read. The statement was:

"I hope God will forgive me for all the wrongs I have ever done in my past life. I forgive everybody who has wronged me. I am at peace with my maker. May God have mercy on my soul."

Tucker then sat down in the chair and after the guards had adjusted the straps the warden raised his hand as a signal to the electricians. Tucker was unconscious from the moment the first shock was applied.

Mabel Page, for whose murder Charles L. Tucker was electrocuted this morning, was murdered at her home in Weston, on March 31, 1904. The body was found several hours later by her aged father. On a nearby table was found a note, supposed to have been written by Miss Page, saying she had been called to Boston because of the illness of her brother. Later it was shown he was not ill, and the handwriting in the note was identical with that of Tucker's. The police learned that Tucker, an Auburndale young man, had been seen near the house on the day of the murder. He was arrested, but later released. Three weeks afterwards the police searched Tucker's home, where they found in an old coat a broken knife, blood-stained and scarred. The scars indicated an effort to destroy it. A stick pin identified as Mabel Page's was also found. An indictment followed. The evidence was most circumstantial and the defense produced witnesses to prove an alibi. Every effort the law affords had been brought to bear to prevent the execution, and the legal fight was the bitterest ever waged in Massachusetts.

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Would Not Interfere.
BOSTON, June 11.—One more effort was made today to prolong the life of Charles E. Tucker through executive clemency, but after hearing the appeal of his clergyman as well as his counsel, Governor Guild tonight again declined to interfere with the execution of the sentence of the man convicted of the murder of Mabel Page.

Rev. Thomas W. Bishop, former pastor of the church at which Tucker was once an attendant and his spiritual adviser convinced by his protestation of innocence, sought an interview with the governor, but the governor declined to interfere in any way.

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CROP CONDITIONS SHOWN TO BE MOST FLOURISHING

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Preliminary reports to the department of agriculture show 17,989,000 acres of spring wheat an increase of two per cent over last year. The average condition of spring wheat on June 1, was 93 as compared with 93 on the same date last year, and a ten-year average of 94. For the State of Washington the acreage was 104 and condition 92 as compared with 97, last

year and a ten-year average of 94. The condition of winter wheat in June was 83, as compared with 86 last year and a ten-year average of 81. The average condition of oats on June 1 was 86 as against 93 last year and a ten-year average of 91.

The barley acreage increased 2.7 per cent over last year. The condition was 93.5 as against 94 a year ago and a ten-year average of 90.