

Montana Fire Insurance Company

THE PIONEER HOME COMPANY

The annual statement of the Montana Fire Insurance Company, of Butte, Montana, on Dec. 31, 1916, showed:

Total Assets	\$472,651.31
Surplus to Policyholders	395,507.84
Increase in Surplus for the past year	34,517.64

ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans (on Real Estate)	\$264,825.00
Cash in Montana Banks	134,948.78
Real Estate	29,398.06
Municipal Bonds and Sundry Items	43,479.47
Total	\$472,651.31

LIABILITIES

Capital—Fully paid in cash	\$256,250.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	139,257.84
Unearned Premiums (Reserve)	44,492.49
Reinsurance Premiums Payable	7,065.77
Unpaid Losses, Taxes, Etc.	6,870.22
Assets Not Admitted	18,714.99
Total	\$472,651.31

The Montana Fire Insurance Company offers absolute security by a reserve as large as any company in the world in proportion to the volume of business written.

Insist on your policy being written in the Montana Fire Insurance Company.

Help us stop the great flow of money that goes outside the state for fire insurance premiums.

Have your fire insurance written by substantial agents who are here to stay.

DIRECTORS

Our board of directors represent a number of Montana's successful and conservative businessmen—They are:

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| W. R. Allen | J. K. Heslet |
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OFFICERS

W. R. ALLEN, President.
E. E. ESSELSTYN, Field Manager.

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Agents in and About Butte:

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| Butte—John R. Moyle. | Missoula—Price-Jones Co. |
| Centerville—T. J. Bennetts. | Missoula—A. L. Anderson. |
| Meadowdale—D. G. Bertoglio. | Helena—Collins Realty Co. |
| Whitehall—A. J. McKay. | Dillon—A. L. Stone. |
| Anaconda—R. B. Abbott Co. | Dillon—Hazelbaker & Badon. |

PAID TO SPREAD FALSE BRIBERY STORY

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test by the federal authorities. A train to Spokane, and in it decided to give himself up to federal attorney's office and truth. He returned to Seattle, here early yesterday afternoon and went on the witness stand afterwards. He gave sharp answers to the examiners. Once he was asked had said Logan Billingsley had been never given money to "Gill." Witness replied: "I never said that. Logan told me I did give money to Gill; that F. Vanderveer wanted to the money himself, but Logan let him do it."

"Any Lie Would Do."

I was told any lie would do to the Billingsleys and get the trial up. I was assured I need not have to be a witness, and how I got in so deep, noising myself around that the Billingsleys lied me. It had not occurred that I would get in trouble with federal officials, so I went ahead and spreading the news on hand. The defense as to the means of support caused me to say he had always worked hard and had money, at the same producing a postal savings book. He said showed a balance of \$100.00. Questioned about his reputation

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for truthfulness Metzdorf retorted: "I had a good reputation before I got mixed up with policemen." Metzdorf identified Police Sergeant Kent in the court room as the man who had induced him to "frameup" the story on Billingsley.

PREDICTS ABDICATION OF GERMAN EMPEROR

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Warm appreciation of the cordial feeling shown by the people and government of the United States toward the new regime in Russia was expressed today by Foreign Secretary Mikuloff in a statement to the associated press. "The old regime was a heavy drag, not only on Russia's relations with the allies, but on all foreign relations," he said. Thousands of telegrams of congratulations and good wishes are coming from the United States, not to speak of the formal recognition of the provisional government by the Washington government. This has served to show that it is only the old regime which has been standing for a long time in the way of entire solidarity between the United States and Russia."

Attitude of Ambassador.

Professor Mikuloff emphasized particularly his satisfaction at the attitude of American Ambassador David R. Francis towards the political change in Russia. He said that the extent to which the new Russian government had won the sympathies of the American public was indicated by a telegram he had received from Jacob H. Schiff of New York, who was long opposed to the Russian autocracy, wishing success for the new government in its task.

"There is no doubt," he continued, "that the addition of Russia to the ranks of the modern democratic countries will strengthen the adherence of the United States to the cause of the allies. Free countries may have confidence in Russia, especially as we now find all free countries allied for the same aims."

NO COMPULSION.

Collector (angrily)—How many times do you want me to chase around here with this bill?
Debtor—My friend, you need never call again if it's any trouble.—Boston Transcript

SPANISH GOVERNMENT ASSUMES MARINE RISKS

Policies Arranged to Foster Shipbuilding and Replace Lost Vessels.

Madrid, March 24 (via Paris).—Under a decree issued today the Spanish government takes over all maritime war risks. The state furnishes insurance up to 80 per cent of maximum value against the capture or seizure of cargoes, accidents, wrecks, or any loss whatsoever due to the war sustained by shipping under the Spanish flag or merchandise under any other flag destined for Spanish ports. The protection is extended also to crews of Spanish ships.

Eighty-five per cent of the insurance money will be paid within eight days after verification and the remainder upon the owner of the lost or seized ship buying or arranging to construct a vessel replacing that lost.

BUTTE IN BRIEF

Dinky Desmond and Barney Waters will be passengers this evening over the Short Line for San Francisco, where they expect to make their future homes.

Pat Carney, a director of the state fair, and the potato king of the Ruby valley, was a guest at the Fliesen this morning while returning to his home in Waterloo.

Miss Meryl McDermott, 404 South Jackson street, a music teacher in the city schools, is a patient at the Murray hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Symons returned this week from New York and Cincinnati, where they spent two months.

C. E. Mills will be among the south-bound passengers on the Short Line this evening en route to Denver.

L. O. Evans, chief counsel for the Anaconda company, has left for New York on a business trip.

Miss Josie R. McPadden and Miss Jean Pendergast are here from Whitehall on a brief trip.

Miss Hazel Bond and Miss Lillian Mills of Twin Bridges are visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Alex Lehman of Lewistown visited friends in Butte for a few hours yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. McMahon and Mrs. Frank Wharton were here today from Livingston.

F. W. Miles leaves tonight for Miami, Ariz., where he has accepted a position.

J. C. McIntyre of Townsend came in today for the week-end. He is at the Legat.

D. P. Lake of Jefferson Island is spending a few days in Butte on business.

Miss Helen L. Clark is among the visitors from the Beaverhead county seat.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Dillon are spending a few days with friends here.

A. W. McKeown and H. A. Stewart of Hamilton are among the visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jackson and family are here from Great Falls.

James M. Rhoades of Bozeman is visiting with friends in the city.

C. R. Sundgrove, Jr., of Great Falls is registered at the Thornton.

Ray C. Kiggins of Bozeman is visiting with friends in Butte.

J. D. Esash, Jr., and Mrs. Esash are among the Whitehall visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mandel and son are here from Musselshell.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lanstam of Helena came over today.

H. S. Stewart of Twin Bridges came over for the week-end.

Mrs. W. H. Secrest of Warm Springs came in this morning.

W. G. Simmons and wife are among the Anaconda visitors.

John B. Smith of Billings is among the business visitors.

A. H. Jones of Jefferson Island is among the visitors.

R. C. McCane of Radersburg is visiting in Butte.

George Wallin of Boise, Ida., is at the Butte hotel.

Paul Whitelaw of Missoula is here on a brief trip.

E. E. Dewar of Great Falls came in this morning.

Mrs. H. W. Parker of Gilmore, Ida., is at the Butte.

George Moore of Helena came in this morning.

Fred Haber of Dillon is visiting friends here.

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Great Falls for the Butte district, is attending to business affairs in the city today.

H. L. Brown of Missoula is here today.

Lewis Penwell of Helena came over today.

C. D. Merchant of Missoula is here today.

Ruth Sidley of Phillipsburg is here today.

G. A. Horkan came in from Forsyth today.

Mrs. G. C. Hopkins of Hobson is in Butte.

Where is the Mint saloon?—Adv. Roy Murray of Dillon is in town today.

J. M. Gill is here from Avery, Ida., today.

W. C. Rae of Helena is in the city today.

L. A. Robe of Helena is here today.

E. Booth of Great Falls is here today.

AN EASTER WISH

In the midst of the world war, when strife and destruction are everywhere, an Easter message of peace and goodwill, a greeting on Easter morning, the great feast day, is very much in order. Greeting cards, booklets, folders, postals and a world of appropriate Easter tokens and souvenirs, are shown at The P. O. News Stand. Now while the assortments are complete and unbroken is a good time to select them at The P. O. News Stand, 25 W. Park.—Adv.

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SOCIALIST DEPUTY DENOUNCES KAISER
London, March 24.—The German em-

RUSSIAN PEOPLE WARNED OF THE MENACE OF FOE

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that he was right, but it will be too late.

Spilled His Efforts.

"The people he fears most are the anti-militarists, anti-Prussians, liberal republicans, who want the rebuff to be based on universal suffrage. That is why Wilhelm is so anxious to convince the nation that he did not want war. All his pretensions are made to appease the liberals and his fanatical and ruined subjects, whose murmurs are growing stronger. He wants to continue at any price and that is why he spoke the first word of peace. The people were grateful for it, but the submarine war came and spoiled everything."

His Pride Suffers.

"It is hard to realize how this emperor, who enjoyed a popularity unexampled in our epoch, suffers in his pride. He alone perhaps in Germany knows the whole truth, since he alone has in his possession the elements for forming a judgment on the situation as a whole. How can he restrain morally and physically such a strain? Certainly he hopes sometimes, but less and less, for the success of the unrestricted submarine war which he opposed. He sees the isolation of Germany become more and more complete. Once he tried to negotiate peace and failed. To try again would be to admit to the whole world, but above all to the German people, that which he fears most, Germany's real situation. If the allies solemnly declared, as they did with Napoleon in 1815, that they would refuse to treat for peace with the Hohenzollerns, it would be a knockout blow. Our German people who still believe in him would abandon him for peace and this will soon be the unanimous and hidden thought of tortured Germany."

"What recourse is left to him but a dramatic abdication in order to retain the sympathies of the German people and save the political future of Prussia? He will say: I sacrifice myself to make peace. Without me those only are responsible who desired a savage war and the complete isolation of Germany, those who took at the beginning my son as their party leader and forced me to mobilize, a measure I hesitated to take."

CRANE MAY GO TO RUSSIA AS A PRIVATE EMISSARY OF WILSON

Washington, March 24.—Charles R. Crane of Chicago, a close personal friend of President Wilson, is contemplating an early trip to Petrograd and, while it was understood here today it will be made on his own initiative, he will be in a position to furnish interesting information regarding Russian affairs to the administration.

Mr. Crane has been mentioned for ambassador to Japan, but it was said today that his selection for that post is not now to be expected.

FRENCH BELIEVE GERMANS MAY BE UNABLE TO HOLD

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northern France, says the official statement issued today. In these engagements, the announcement adds, the entente forces have suffered heavy losses.

French attacks against the German outposts west of La Fere and along the Ailette lowlands as well as near Neuville and Margival, it is officially announced, were repulsed yesterday.

THE RUSSIAN LINES ARE STORMED BY GERMANS

Berlin, March 24 (by wireless to Sayville).—German forces under command of Archduke Joseph yesterday stormed the Russian lines between the Solontar and Zobanov rivers, according to today's official statement, and captured 500 Russians.

RUSSIANS WITHDRAW ON RUMANIAN FRONT

Petrograd, March 24 (via London).—Under pressure of German attacks against the Russian positions between the Rivers Silcha and Chvanchik, on the Rumanian front, says the official statement issued today, the Russian troops withdrew to the next line of defense, about two-thirds of a mile to the eastward.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE THE PERSIAN TOWN OF KERING

Petrograd, March 24 (via London).—The capture by Russian troops of the Persian town of Kering in the sector west of Kermanshah, about 40 miles from the Mesopotamian border, is announced by the war office. Pursuit of the Turks toward the Mesopotamian border continues.

BULGAR REGIMENTS SAID TO HAVE DESERTED

London, March 24.—Semi-official dispatches from Serbian headquarters in the last few days have reported serious trouble among the Bulgarian troops around Monastir. Several regiments are reported to have deserted in a body as the result of friction over supplies and their relations with their Teutonic allies. According to these reports it has been necessary to disarm several large units of the Bulgarian army, distributing troops of suspected loyalty to places where they could do the least harm.

LEWIS A. SMITH

Republican Candidate and Citizens' Choice FOR MAYOR

Twenty-five years in the active practice of law, twenty-two years in the city of Butte.

A great deal was said a few days before the primaries by some of the democratic candidates for the nomination of Mayor concerning short weights in coal and PROMISES as to what THEY were GOING to do, and many other PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES. The people have heard PROMISES for years. Are they tired of PROMISES, or will they continue to swallow the bait, hook line and all? Nothing was said by these gentlemen about enforcing other laws. Only the Coal Man. Why? Because there are only a few coal men (and but few of these are violating the law), and but few VOTES would be lost if the Coal Man was attacked and the people thus banded into forgetting (until after they had voted) other violations of law and glaring defects.

PROMISES were made by these same gentlemen to reduce the high cost of living, more than talk—but it "took"—it "got the votes" and the PEOPLE FORGOT OTHER THINGS.

But speaking of short weight in coal. While a member of the City Council of the city of Butte I drew (with the assistance of Mr. Rotering) Ordinance No. 1106, "An ordinance prohibiting fraudulent practices in selling articles of food, drink COAL, hay, etc., etc." and had it passed, and while acting Mayor I ENFORCED THIS ORDINANCE AND SECURED CONVICTIONS FOR SELLING SHORT-WEIGHT COAL. When the Mayor returned to the city there were no more prosecutions under this ordinance, and to the best of my information, there has been none since.

My service in the City Council of Butte is: Two terms as chairman of the Judiciary Committee (the most important committee of the City Council). One term as president of the City Council, and acting Mayor during the absence or inability of the Mayor.

I have had the experience. I will not require two years to get acquainted with the duties of my office, or to find out what the city needs, and how to supply these needs.

I will make it my first duty to select the very best men obtainable for each of the appointive offices, including the heads of each department.

"The management of the city's affairs is a big job and one that requires absolute fidelity and close attention to detail."

LEWIS A. SMITH, Butte's Next Mayor
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ANNOUNCEMENT!

I wish to announce, to the Butte public, the fact that I am now running a fair plumbing and heating business.

After having conducted an independent shop in Butte for eight years I have reached an understanding with the local unions and from now on intend to operate a strictly union shop.

I wish to thank my many friends and customers who were pleased to give me their work and kindly ask a continuance of the same.

My motto of "Satisfaction Guaranteed" is still in vogue and I take this opportunity to respectfully solicit first class plumbing and heating.

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WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES IN FRANCE

Montreal, March 24.—An unofficial dispatch received here today from Canadian army headquarters in France reads: "The enemy varied his activity on the Canadian front this morning by exploding a mine which formed a considerable crater in this already much churned region. Our men proceeded immediately to organize the crater. Since then there has been heavy fighting.

GERMANY FINDS FAULT WITH DUTCH NEUTRALITY

London, March 24.—A Berlin telegram transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent maintains that the Dutch government was guilty of an unneutral act in permitting the armed British steamer Princess Melita to leave Dutch waters after her recent visit. The dispatch declares the steamer ought to have been interned. Referring to the Dutch action the dispatch continues:

"This is the more galling to Germany because about the same time the Dutch gave a narrow interpretation of neutrality in the case of two German submarines. Holland's difficult position is appreciated in Germany, but Germany must demand that in a matter so important in naval warfare as the utilization of Dutch waters by warships we shall not be placed at a disadvantage in a completely unjustifiable war."

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London, March 24.—The German em-