

HONORS FOR WHO WORE BLUE New Officers Are Elected by Veterans of the Spanish War.

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AGENT BIDS PUBLIC CHICAGO GIVES NEW SUPPORT Commercial Association There Demands Payment of Losses.

Several new features of interest have arisen in the insurance situation within the last few days. Following in the track of the National Credit Men's Association, which adopted resolutions concerning the action of delinquent insurance corporations at a recent meeting at Chicago, the ways and means committee of the Chicago Commercial Association, a large and influential body, has prepared an announcement concerning the attitude of the underwriters doing business in San Francisco.

A copy of resolutions adopted at a late meeting of the Chicago Commercial Association has been received by Secretary Burks of the Chamber of Commerce from Thomas J. Stacey. These resolutions demand a prompt and equitable settlement of San Francisco fire losses and declare that such action is of vital importance to the San Francisco policy-holders and to the business world in general. Stacey also suggests that all the commercial bodies in the United States are interested in seeing that fair play is accorded to San Francisco.

Following is the text of the Chicago Commercial Association resolutions under consideration: Whereas, A prompt and equitable settlement of the San Francisco fire losses is a matter of the most vital importance to the San Francisco policy-holders and to the business world in general; and Whereas, Intelligent and organized publicity will be powerful incentive to the insurance companies to make prompt and equitable settlements; therefore, be it resolved, That the executive director of the association be and hereby is requested to secure from the leading commercial organizations of San Francisco the names of the insurance companies that are making prompt and equitable adjustments of their San Francisco losses and supply such names to the members of this association.

Resolved, That the executive director of the association be and hereby is requested to secure from the leading commercial organizations of San Francisco the names of the insurance companies that are making prompt and equitable adjustments of their San Francisco losses and supply such names to the members of this association. Fifty additional loss committees were appointed by the committee of fifteen at the adjusters' bureau of the board of underwriters yesterday in the ferry building. The committee of five recently appointed at a meeting of the "dollar for dollar" companies was in San Francisco. This fact was considered by the insured as well as the insurers to be of special interest. Whatever the differences of opinion that exist among the insuring companies, no break in the ordinary procedure took place. There was a rumor that a disagreement was impending and that a climax was about to be reached.

Possibly the agency of the committee of five appointed by the "dollar for dollar" companies may be sufficient to get aside the conditions that have made for discord. With the loss committees appointed yesterday the total number of such committees is now more than 150. RAIN-MAKER HATFIELD FAILS TO END DROUGHT Alaskans Who Relied on Promise of Moisture by "Wizard" Break Contract.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SEATTLE, July 3.—A dispatch from Dawson says that Hatfield's rainmaking contract has been canceled. Subscribers to the Hatfield fund will call a meeting and will demand a refund of the money they have paid. Hatfield has decided that he has not delivered the goods and say it is foolish to temporize further. All hydraulic works are closed for want of water. COURT DECIDES INDICTED MEN MUST GO TO OREGON Prominent Los Angeles Accused of Complicity in Land Fraud Case Sent to Penal Farm.

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—Eight Los Angeles men indicted for Oregon land frauds lost their fight against removal to Oregon this afternoon in the United States District Court, but execution of the order sending them north for trial was postponed one week. In the meantime the defendants, who are prominent business and professional men, will carry the fight to the United States Supreme Court. The defendants are Warren Gillen, A. H. Hedderly, R. W. Kenny, W. D. Gould, David M. Goodwin, Richard Hynes, Lee H. Myers and George L. Stearns.

EVEN PERSONS KILLED BY RUNAWAY MINE CAR Frightful Accident Caused by Miscarant Near Puritan, Pennsylvania.

ALTOONA, Pa., July 3.—A runaway mine car, flying down a mine branch track that runs from Puritan to Forge, just before midnight reaped a frightful harvest of eleven men killed and several injured. The car had been left standing near Puritan when the brakes failed and it started on its perilous journey toward Forge and permitted the car to speed down the steep incline.

The disaster happened on what is known as Martin's Branch, a stretch of track four miles long, that acts as a feeder for several mines that are located between Portage and Puritan. The train left Saratoga at 7:40 o'clock with twenty passengers and a crew of seven men. At the north end of this village the Schenectady electric railway connects with the steam railway, and the latter approached at the rate of fifty miles an hour the switch tender made a mistake and opened the switch, thinking it was the local train to be sidetracked.

The entire train leaped from the tracks. The engine parted from the train and landed in a ditch on its side. Engineer Ed Crane and Fireman William Flannery stayed at their posts and were not injured. The four palooka cars followed the track for a few feet and then overturned and went into the ditch. The fact that the engine parted from the train and went to one side prevented a collision and probably saved a score of lives. Engineer Crane said that the signals were set right for his train. It is believed that the switch was turned just before the train reached the junction.

MILLION-DOLLAR ESTATE MAY GO TO SCHOOLS Officials Claim to Have Evidence Knocking Out Alleged Heirs. SEATTLE, July 3.—That John Sullivan, the deceased pioneer, was not the son of Peter and Abby Sullivan nor Cornelius and Johanna Sullivan is the startling statement made by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Superior in affidavits filed in the Superior Court this afternoon on behalf of King County, which is claiming the Sullivan estate. Through one of these two couples all of the alleged heirs of the Sullivan property trace their relationship to John Sullivan. If the county can prove, as Prosecuting Attorney MacKintosh and his deputies believe, that John Sullivan was not the son of either of these couples, then none of the present claimants has a shadow of a title and John Sullivan's property will go to the common school fund of King County for lack of heirs. The estate is valued at more than a million dollars.

DASHING BOSTON WIDOW QUICKLY WEDS ON DARE Mrs. Grace Adams Luker Becomes the Wife of a Clubman of Colorado Springs. DENVER, July 3.—Mrs. Grace Adams Luker, a dashing Boston widow, would not pass a dare, and hence is Mrs. William H. Luker, a prominent Colorado Springs clubman. Both attended a function last night. During the conversation Ryer said he was going East, Mrs. Luker remarking jestingly, "Wish I could go with you." "You may," said Ryer. "How?" she asked. "As my wife," he replied. Embarrassed, she did not know what to say. Quickly Ryer said, "I dare you to become Mrs. Ryer." She would not be bantered and he called a minister, and they were married before the guests at the function. They left for Chicago today.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF SAN FRANCISCO BANKS Comptroller of Currency Reports on National Conditions Close of Business June 15. WASHINGTON, July 3.—The Comptroller of the Currency issued a statement today of the conditions of ten national banks of San Francisco at the close of business on June 15. The statement is as follows: Assets, \$10,557,711; gold reserve, \$3,954,957. Total reserve, \$11,439,619; total resources, \$110,302,771. The individual deposits amounted to \$43,774,231 and the percentage of legal reserve to deposits was 32.05.

RAILROAD MAY AGAIN BE FORCED TO MOVE BY THE SALTON SEA Southern Pacific Rails in Path of Slowly Spreading Body of Water. Supposed Permanent Track Is Menaced by Great Inland Sheet.

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—Because of the rising of Salton Sea the Southern Pacific is reported to be about to move its main line in that vicinity for the fifth time. The waters are now approaching the track, and it is thought it will be necessary to create the new line within sixty days. Four times within the last year the railroad company has been compelled to retreat before the flood and the last time the road was moved far enough. It was thought to be away from all danger. On the last occasion the road was built on a permanent basis, but it now seems certain that another move will have to be made. The water is pouring into the sink through the canal intake from the Colorado River and raising the water in the Salton Sea at the rate of more than two inches daily.

PRIBILOF ISLANDS YIELD SEALSKINS WORTH \$500,000 Captain of Steamship Homer Estimates That This Season's Catch Will Amount to 15,000 Furs. PORTLAND, July 3.—The steamship Homer, Captain Donaldson, arrived today from the Pribilof Islands, near the Alaska coast, where she carried supplies in April for the natives engaged in sealing and trapping there for the local American Commercial Company. She made the trip down in eight days. A portion of the cargo was left at Dutch Harbor and the balance distributed at stations of the company on St. Paul and St. George Islands. Although he left for early in the season, an estimate, Captain Donaldson said that the seal catch this season will probably amount to about 15,000 skins. These will be brought down on the next trip of the Homer and will have a value of something like \$500,000. The skins will be taken direct to San Francisco and shipped thence to London. The Homer is scheduled to leave Portland for the north on the second trip July 27.

CHARGED WITH SWINDLING HIS CLIENT OUT OF LOTS. Prominent Needles Citizen Is Accused of Taking Advantage of an Illiterate Friend. SAN BERNARDINO, July 3.—Wilford Cabbage, a prominent citizen of Needles, has been accused of taking the property of Henry Meyer, an illiterate person of the Colorado River, who had made Cabbage his confidential agent. Meyer had two lots before the Southern Pacific Company asserted ownership of the townsite, and in the settlement he paid \$75 for a conveyance of the property to the Santa Fe Improvement Company. Meyer began suit today to recover the property, which has grown valuable.

RED MAN SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS COMMITS SUICIDE Ends Life Rather Than Face Disgrace Brought About by Alleged Embezzlement. LOS ANGELES, July 3.—Rather than face the improved Order of Red Men, in which order it is alleged that he is short in his accounts as treasurer, Frederick Koch committed suicide at his home last night. While his wife and daughters were asleep in an adjoining room, he took several grains of strychnine. The members of his family were aroused when the husband and father, writhing in his death pain, fell from his bed to the floor. Koch's shortage with his lodge is estimated at more than \$30,000.

PRICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RAISED IN SAN BERNARDINO Council Taxes Saloonmen \$100 a Month Despite the Protest of Many Merchants. SAN BERNARDINO, July 3.—Despite the protest of a large number of merchants of the city the City Council passed an ordinance raising the saloon license from \$50 a month to \$100. The council was threatened with a counter petition from the citizens asking that it make the license at least \$200 a month, but this movement did not materialize in time to be presented to the city government. The new administration is carrying out a promise to regulate the saloons.

Grounds During a Fog. WALTHAM, Mass., July 3.—The steamship Kanawha, Captain Johnson, from Norfolk to Boston with coal grounded on a shoal near here this afternoon during a heavy fog. She was floated at high tide tonight under her own steam. The vessel apparently sustained no injury. TERRE HAUTE COUNCILMEN BARRED FROM THE SALOONS Unable to Quench Their Thirst Because They Voted to Remove the Mayor. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 3.—The six Councilmen who voted to remove Mayor Bidaman in the impeachment proceedings must go dry. Terre Haute saloon-keepers have decided. Several liquor men today told the Councilmen not to patronize their places. The Bar-tenders' Union voted a boycott upon them. It is said that while the Mayor was charged with laxity in enforcing the laws there is better regulation than ever before.

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