

TAFT'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM POSSIBLE

President Daily Gaining Supporters and Skillfully Averts Clashes

Democrats See Little Hope of Controlling the Next House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Activity such as seldom has been displayed by committees so early in the first regular session of a congress is now in evidence in both wings of the capitol.

TAFT SHOWS CONTROL.—Taft is trying to beat the democrats out of any prospect of controlling the next house, remarked a prominent democratic leader of the senate yesterday.

Every one in society, and, in fact, every one who has an interest in the Mardi Gras festivities, will probably be in attendance at the largest charity ball of the year.

Little Blancie Kaplan Delights Large Audience at Van Ness

PEKING, Jan. 23.—An imperial edict was issued today announcing rewards for descendants of officials who opposed the anti-foreign policy in 1860 and restored order at Peking after the British and French invasion.

Chinese Edict Announces the Awards for Officials

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Contracts for 60,000 tons of pig iron were placed in the eastern territory last week, a little more than half of which was for steel making iron.

SIXTY THOUSAND TONS OF PIG IRON ORDERED

NATIONAL TRADE BOARD WILL CONVENE TODAY

GUESTS BARELY ESCAPE IN \$100,000 HOTEL FIRE

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Mrs. L. McMullin, Who Is Aiding Hospital



SOCIETY LEADERS PLAN CHARITY BALL

Ned Greenway to Lead Grand March at Children's Hospital Benefit

REWARDS ENEMIES OF ANTI-FOREIGN POLICY

ACTORS POSE TO SHOW PEARY'S DASH TO POLE

\$75,000 REQUIRED FOR SMALL ARMS PRACTICE

SLAYER OF SWEETHEART SENTENCED TO HANG

LAYING OF SCHOOL CORNERSTONE DELAYED

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FIRE VICTIM JOINS HUNT FOR HIMSELF

Albert Widsky Finds House Destroyed on Returning From Visit to Daughter

Neighbors Are Surprised by Appearance of Man They Supposed Burned

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"QUEEN OF CLUBS" IS VOLUNTARY BANKRUPT

Mrs. Dore Lyon Has Only Copy-right to Meet \$503,246 Debts

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Dore Lyon, sometimes known as "The Queen of Clubs," filed a petition in bankruptcy today as a pauper, with liabilities of \$503,246 and assets consisting only of her copyright of a novel written seven years ago.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE BANKERS' HOTEL

Directors Select P. J. Walker to Erect Hostelry

OAKLAND, Jan. 23.—The contract to build the Bankers' hotel was awarded to Percy J. Walker, an Oakland contractor, at a meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon.

FIREMAN IS KILLED BY LEAP IN TRAIN WRECK

Passenger Engine Crashes Through an Express Car

JACKSON, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Fireman Moore was killed, Fireman Foster was fatally scalded, Engineer M. Maroney had both legs broken and Engineer John Tatum saved his life by leaping from his cab when passenger train No. 5, St. Louis to Mobile, on the Mobile and Ohio road, collided head-on with an extra engine today at Carroll, Tenn.

EDUCATORS WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN BOSTON

San Francisco Considered, but East Wins Out

WINONA, Minn., Jan. 23.—The executive committee of the National Education association announced that the forty-eighth annual convention will be held in Boston July 2 to 8.

Hydrogen gas for ballooning is obtained by an electric process.

New-York Life Insurance Co.

346 Broadway, New York.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

To the Policy-holders.

At the suggestion of the Board of Trustees, I preface the brief of our Sixty-fifth Annual Report, which appears below, with the statement which accompanied the presentation of the full Report to the Board on the 12th inst.

"The figures placed before you by the officers of this Company, including the income, disbursements and profits of the year, the balance sheet and detailed schedules of assets at the close of 1909, make an impressive picture. No fair-minded man, having reviewed the figures, can avoid the conclusion that energy, capacity and fidelity in administration were not born yesterday in the New-York Life.

"Any claim which we as trustees and officers may have to approval by the 750,000 families protected by this institution is made stronger by the willing admission, which we all make, that our predecessors toiled both mightily and wisely.

"A great life insurance company is not the product of accident or violence. It does not arise from a social catastrophe, as a mountain may suddenly arise in the landscape from a convulsion of nature. It is the product of peace, of labor, of thought, of energy, of fidelity, of faith, of good will amongst men.

"When a storm has swept over an estate and has done its cruel and possibly necessary work, the owner may send for men and direct them to cut away broken and twisted branches, to prune away unnecessary and unhealthy growths and clear the ground. Having done this, the men would hardly be entitled to claim credit, on that account, for the fact that certain trees were still symmetrical, beautiful, vast in girth and vigorous to the outermost twig. Any such claim would be presumptuous and the men making it would become ridiculous.

"The New-York Life grew like the oak and it tells the same story of storm and tempest survived.

"Lately the hurricane came and did its cruel—perhaps necessary—work. We were called in by the owners of the estate, the policy-holders, and told to correct errors, to change methods, to discontinue certain practices. We have done the work; but we are not now possessed of the idea that this necessary and useful work, as such, reflects discredit on our predecessors or especial glory on us.

"Having carried out the wishes of the policy-holders, we now assure them in the facts annexed, of the vitality, the soundness, the large capacity for social usefulness of the New-York Life. But we are obliged to tell them at the same time that sound and virile as the company is, its future usefulness is limited.

"The owner of an estate, after the passing of a storm, never orders the men who remove broken branches and cut away undesirable growths, to excise the living, growing body of a tree—to cut for the deliberate purpose of ending a tree's further development. Such a direction would be contrary to nature; it would indicate that the owner of the estate either

A pamphlet showing the income and the disbursements for 1909, the balance sheet at the year's close, and schedules describing in detail each item of the Company's assets, will be mailed to any policy-holder, or any other person, on request.

Yours truly, D. M. Kingeltz, President.

New York, January 15, 1910.

TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS \$599,708,286

TOTAL PAID-FOR INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$2,002,809,227

JANUARY 1, 1910.

Balance Sheet, January 1, 1910.

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES, INCOME, 1909, and DISBURSEMENTS, 1909. Assets total \$599,708,286. Liabilities total \$599,708,285.97. Income 1909 total \$111,025,342.56. Disbursements 1909 total \$111,025,342.56.

NEW INSURANCE PAID FOR IN 1909

Exclusive of Revivals and Increase in Old Policies, \$146,042,400

Under the laws of New York anything in excess of \$150,000,000 would have made the officers of the Company liable to indictment. To keep within the law the Company closed a number of Branch Offices during 1909 and discharged a group of men who paid for over \$7,500,000 in the previous twelve months.