

HANGED AS TRAITOR

SIR ROGER CASEMENT, LEADER OF IRISH RISING, PAYS WITH LIFE.

LAST APPEAL IS DENIED

One-Time British Knight Executed in Courtyard of Pentonville Prison by a Barber—Execution Was Private—Becomes Catholic.

London, Aug. 4.—Sir Roger Casement executed as a traitor at 9:07 o'clock Thursday morning in the yard of Pentonville prison.

The last moments of the condemned man were not without interest. Over-

sight the public hangman, a man named Ellis of Rochdale, who is a hairdresser when he is not hanging people, arrived at the prison. Ellis received a fee of £5 (\$25) from the undersheriff, who was supposed to do the gruesome work, but under the traditional custom had the privilege of hiring someone to do it for him.

Early in the morning Ellis tested the scaffold with a bag of sand of exactly the same weight as Casement. The prisoner was aroused about seven o'clock, and, performing his toilet, received a visit from the governor of the prison, O. R. M. Davis. Then he was asked what he wanted for breakfast.

In the last moments Casement was visited by a Roman Catholic priest, the hangman, who embraced the Catholic faith. The two remained closeted together until a few minutes before nine o'clock.

Then a medical officer, the undersheriff and the hangman entered. The hangman, who had the prisoner's arms strapped to his side and he took his place in the solemn procession to the scaffold, a short distance from the cell.

As the procession moved on, the clergyman read the burial service. The condemned man stepped on the scaffold; his legs were pinioned, then the rope was placed around his neck. Lastly the white hood was placed over the condemned man's head.

While this was going on the chaplain recited prayers, and with a few moments after arriving at the scaffold the executioner touched the spring and the unfortunate man was hurled into eternity.

**RUSS CHECKED ON STOKHOLD**  
Attacks on Sallent Northeast of Kovel Railway Broken, Says Official Berlin Statement.

London, Aug. 4.—Several Russian attacks on the Stokhold railway northeast of the Kovel-Rovina road were broken down completely under the German's curtain of fire, according to the official statement issued by the German press office in Berlin. The Russian assaults the positions between Witomies and Tura Tura, regardless of heavy losses, says the statement, but all efforts proved futile. Russian troops also were completely repulsed in repeated operations southwest of Fank, on both sides of Lake Nobel, in the region of Lubieszow, on the Stokhold, according to the Berlin statement.

Attacks by the Russians in the region west of Wisnoloway, on the Kovel, and near Wisnoloway, on the Kovel, also failed, according to the same statement.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 4.—Attempts made by small German detachments to attack the Russian positions on the western front were repulsed, also failed, according to the Russian official statement issued here.

**RAIL MEN ASK MEDIATION**  
Conference Will Be Resumed in Hope of Averting Strike—Vote for Walkout.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Labor leaders representing employees of big trunk line railroad on Wednesday noted the latest offers of mediation and conciliation that the men had agreed to a resumption of conferences for settlement of all differences, the next meeting to be held in New York August 8.

The agreement was a result of the board's informal recent days ago that the employees and employers try again to avoid a strike.

Approximately half the 400,000 ballots cast by the railroad employees in New York on the question of a nationwide strike have been counted. A preponderant number of those voting favor striking.

The largest number of votes cast thus far in favor of striking came from southern members. An official of the Southern Association of Trainmen says 85 per cent of the members of four orders of railway workers of the South favor a strike.

**Denies Peary Found Pole.**  
Washington, Aug. 4.—Representative Helgeson of North Dakota introduced a resolution to repeal the act of congress that made Robert E. Peary a rear admiral for discovery of a pole.

**Packers Would Halt Frede.**  
Washington, Aug. 4.—Representative Borah charged by packing industries were attempting to stifle his resolution now before the house judiciary committee calling for federal investigation into the meat industry.

**Champ Clark Named Again.**  
Montgomery, Mo., Aug. 2.—For the twelfth time without opposition in his own party Speaker Champ Clark was nominated for congress by Democrats. Attorney Walter L. Cole was nominated by the Republicans.

**John H. Clark Takes Oath.**  
Washington, Aug. 3.—John H. Clark of Cleveland, O., took the oath on Tuesday as associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States. The new justice will take his seat when the court reconvenes in October.

**Riley, 71, Loses Boat Race.**  
Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 1.—James H. Riley, seventy-one years old, a former professional sailing champion, was defeated in a round-the-island race on Lake Onego by Jim Rice, coach of the Columbia crew, by half a length.

**Welsh Proves Real Champion.**  
New York, Aug. 1.—Freddie Welsh proved several good thumping reasons why he is champion lightweight of the world when he licked Benny Leonard, excepting one round—4-0 third—Welsh won all the way.

TWO SOULS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT



BIG LOSS BY BLAST BANDIT GANG ROUTED

DYNAMITE AND SHRAPNEL GO UP IN NEW YORK HARBOR. TWO AMERICANS AND FIVE MEXICAN OUTLAWS KILLED.

Scores of Persons Injured When Inferno Is Loosed on Black Tom Island.

New York, Aug. 1.—Property loss estimated at \$25,000,000 was caused early Sunday morning by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom Island, a small strip of land jutting into New York bay off Jersey City.

Two are known to be dead and at least two more are missing. Scores of persons were injured. Millions of shells, which were in the process of being blown up, were scattered in the air.

The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitrotoluene, and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel shells, which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around.

Fire that started soon after the first great crash, which spread death and destruction in its wake, destroyed 13 of the huge warehouses of the National Storage company on Black Tom Island, in which was stored merchandise valued at between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

The flames, shooting into the clouds, and the falling of the towers of the buildings, which only a few moments before were shaken to their foundations by an earthquake. Miles of streets in Manhattan alone were strewn with broken glass and shattered iron.

The cause of the disaster had not been determined. Officials of the National Storage company and the Lehigh Valley railroad, which also suffered heavily through loss of property, declared, however, that reports to them showed the fire started shortly after one o'clock on a barge belonging to an independent towing company that had been moored alongside a dock used by the railroad company to transfer ammunition shipments from trains to vessels in the harbor.

**Verdun Battle Is Resumed.**  
Paris, Aug. 3.—While the French captured one German trench on the Somme front, the center of the greatest objective in France was once more the scene of a violent battle. The Germans carried out a determined attack on Thiaumont, but failed to make headway, according to the Paris statement, while later the French turned about and made some progress south of the woods.

British forces which had penetrated German positions to a narrow strip west of Foreaux woods were driven out again.

**FLASHES OFF THE WIRE**  
New York, Aug. 2.—All previous mortality records in the epidemic of infantile paralysis were broken Tuesday. During the 24-hour period ending at 10 a. m. the plague killed 57 children in the great city and 150 new cases were reported by the health department.

**Turks Aid in Galicia.**  
Amsterdam, via London, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Cracow says that a Turkish general and 20 officers passed through that city on the way to Galicia.

**Former Football Player Weds.**  
Muskegon, Mich., Aug. 3.—Former Muskegon high school athlete and sensational football player, Fred C. McGee, and Miss Leola Crisp of Oak Park, Ill., were married in Chicago.

**Italians Occupy Town.**  
Rome, via London, Aug. 3.—Attacks by the Austrians on Italian positions on Monte Cimone were repulsed, the war office announced. The Italians advanced in the Travignola valley and occupied the village of Panegoglio.

**Duke Succeeds Birrell.**  
London, Aug. 2.—Henry Edward Duke, K. C., has been appointed secretary for Ireland, succeeding Augustine Birrell. The appointment was announced in the house of commons by Premier Asquith.

**Chinese City Is Looted.**  
Peking, Aug. 2.—In a revolutionary outbreak in Hankow, a large district was burned and looted and many natives were killed, and some Russian women injured before foreign volunteers checked the uprising.

**Sleet Causes Train Wreck.**  
Williams, Ariz., Aug. 1.—Several inches of hail and sleet fell in a freak storm which struck this section. An engine and a passenger train were wrecked and the trainmen killed.

**Woman Dies in Auto Crash.**  
Joliet, Ill., Aug. 1.—One woman was killed and four persons were injured, two fatally, in a collision between two automobiles near Manhattan. Mrs. Patrick White, forty-five years old, is loved of a crushed skull.

**Turks Capture Ships.**  
Constantinople, via London, Aug. 1.—An official statement issued by the Turkish war department says: "Near Kurna our warriors captured some enemy ships with foodstuffs, killing one Englishman."

**Three Killed, Five Hurt in Crash.**  
Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 1.—An automobile party was run down by a billigerent steamer, was announced by the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto line. Three women were killed. Three children and two men were injured.

**Arabs Take Red Sea Port.**  
London, Aug. 2.—An Arab force dispatched to the Hejaz coast of the Red sea, after the fall of Hedda, has captured the Turkish town and fort Yembo, says a dispatch from Cairo to Reuters' Telegram company.

**Two Ships Sunk.**  
London, Aug. 2.—The destruction of another neutral vessel as well as a billigerent steamer, was announced by Lloyd's. The ships sunk are the Norwegian steamer Mars and the British steamer Claudia.

**Chipmunk Is a Hermit.**  
Evidently the chipmunk has no partner and will spend the winter in his subterranean retreat alone, think this is an established chipmunk custom, rendered necessary, it may be, by the scant supply of air in such close quarters, three feet underground, and maybe under three or more feet of snow in addition. At any rate, the chipmunk, male and female, is a hermit, and there is no cooperation or true sociability among them. They are wonderfully provident and industrious, beginning to store up their winter food in midsummer, or as early as the farmer does his—John Burroughs in Harper's Magazine.

**That Little Word "If."**  
Husband (testily)—"Oh, if—if—if!"  
You remind me of what the fellow who got lost in the woods said to his companion. "Why—'Well, what did he say?"  
Husband—"He said: 'Now, if we had some more we'd have some hard eggs, if we had some eggs.'"  
Boston Transcript.

**How to Tell the Age of Sheep.**  
Buying mature sheep is a good deal of a gamble to the inexperienced would-be flock owner. An old sheep may look well, but only last for a year or two of profitable service. After a sheep is past four years old the teeth do not show much change except where they drop out as old age draws near. Briefly stated, a sheep with one pair of permanent teeth is a yearling, two pairs a two-year-old; three pairs, a three-year-old, and four pairs a four-year-old.—Farm and Poultry.

**They Can't Get Away.**  
A story the Atchison Globe tells of a local police judge: "A man had been arrested for violating the speed regulations in his automobile, but proved that he was not violating the speed ordinance. In fact, he proved that his machine was out of order on the day he was arrested, and could not run faster than a man could walk. 'I believe every word you say,' said the judge to the defendant, 'but the city needs money and I fine you \$5 for loitering.'—Kansas City Star.

U-BOAT LEAVES U. S.

SUBMARINE DEUTSCHLAND ON WAY TO GERMANY WITH BIG CARGO.

ALLIED WARSHIPS WAITING

United States Cutter and Police Boat Escort Submarine to See That She Is Not Damaged in Her Trip Through American Waters.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 3.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland departed on Tuesday on her perilous voyage to her home port. The start was made after several hours of waiting for better tidal conditions.

When the subject boat started from her mooring and started slowly on her way she was escorted by several government boats.

The police boat Lannon was on one side; the United States cutter Apache on the other. For tug "Thames," "guardian angel" of the submarine, led the procession to the outer harbor, where a small fleet of British and French warships, lying outside the three-mile limit, were prepared to make an attempt to sink the German ship the moment she passed out of United States territory.

The Deutschland has fooled the waiting warships and passed out the Virginia capes at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night, eluding the hostile fleet with ridiculous ease.

As peacefully as a ferryboat the Deutschland dived into the open sea, homebound for Germany. She apparently was unobserved by the allied patrol waiting just outside the three-mile limit.

**HUGHES ITINERARY IS GIVEN**  
Republican Nominee Leaves New York on August 10 on Western Trip.

New York, Aug. 3.—Following is the itinerary of the western trip of Charles E. Hughes: August 5, leave New York; evening; August 6, Niagara Falls; August 7, Detroit; two evening meetings; August 8, Chicago; August 9, St. Paul and Minneapolis; two evening meetings; August 10, Grand Forks, N. D. forenoon; Fargo, N. D. evening; August 11, on the road; August 12, Helena, Mont., afternoon; August 13, Spokane, Wash., evening; August 14, Coeur d'Alene, morning meeting; Spokane, evening; August 15, Tacoma, Wash., morning; Seattle, evening, August 16, Portland; August 17, on the road; August 18-19, San Francisco; August 20, Los Angeles, evening; August 21, Los Angeles, evening; August 22, Reno, Nev., evening; August 23, afternoon, Ogden, Utah; evening; Salt Lake; August 25, Cheyenne, Wyo., evening; August 26, Denver; August 27 to September 1, Estes Park, Colo., resting; September 2, Topeka, Kan., afternoon; Kansas City, evening; September 3, on the road; September 4, St. Louis; September 5, Lexington, Ky.; September 6 and 7, en route to Maine, arriving in Portland the afternoon of the 7th.

**WILSON STILL BELIEVES WOMAN SUFFRAGE IS QUESTION FOR EACH STATE TO DECIDE.**  
Washington, Aug. 4.—Reports that President Wilson is contemplating reversing his position on woman suffrage and coming out in favor of an amendment to the Federal Constitution giving women the ballot were strongly denied at the White House. The president's position is exactly the same as it has been. It was stated, that being for the woman suffrage, he believes that it is a matter for each state to decide for itself. It was emphatically stated that the president will not change his position.

**\$200,000 STORM IN PEORIA**  
Ten Street Cars Struck by Lightning in Freak Blow Confined to One City's Environs.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 2.—Damage estimated at \$200,000 was done here when a terrific thunderstorm, coming as an end to 38 days of drought, swept over the business and factory sections of the city.

Hundreds of telephones were put out of order, ten street cars were struck by lightning, poles were blown down, and the entire street car service of the city was held up 15 minutes.

**Americans Honored.**  
Paris, Aug. 3.—Six Americans, acting as drivers in the American Field Ambulance service, have been named Croix de Guerre. It was announced here.

**Gardner and Swanger Named.**  
St. Louis, Aug. 4.—Returns show that Frederick D. Gardner of St. Louis and Charles W. Swanger of St. Louis for governor by 12,000. John Swanger of Sedalia seems to be safely nominated by the Republicans.

**Berliner Tageblatt Suspended.**  
Berlin, Aug. 4.—The Berliner Tageblatt has been suspended by the military authorities, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin, received here by way of Copenhagen.

**Only U. S. Can Save Casement.**  
Washington, Aug. 3.—Michael F. Boyle, who acted as advisory counsel for Roger Casement during the latter's trial, conferred with Secretary Taft, telling him that unless the U. S. saved Casement he would die.

**High Lodge K. of P. Meets.**  
Portland, Ore., Aug. 3.—The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, began its biennial convention here. Walter B. Ritchie of Illinois, past supreme chancellor, requested an address which he delivered at the golden jubilee.

**Valuations Placed on Corporations.**  
The State Tax Commission just announced the following valuations for this year: Stark Electric Co., \$1,341,410; against \$1,337,880 last year; Cleveland, Alliance & Mahoning Valley Railroad, \$557,599; against \$482,799; Stenbury's Railroad Co., \$9,949; Western Union Telegraph Co., \$4,712,440; against \$4,274,300 last year; Ohio Postal Telegraph and Cable Co., \$869,549; same as last year; United Fuel Gas Co., \$1,058,040; against \$1,098,250; Manchester's Railroad Heat Co., \$4,450,510; same as last year.

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**Pays Large Premium.**  
The city of Cleveland just paid into the state treasury \$76,000, the amount of its premium to protect its employees under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law. At the same time the city reported 10 deaths in the waterworks tunnel explosion. As these men were all well paid the awards in case they had dependents would be the maximum figure of \$3,744. The notices of death were filed by the chief clerk of the city waterworks department and not by the dependents of the men who were killed.

**Appeals to Court.**  
The Cincinnati Crushed Stone and Sand Co. has appealed its case from the decision of the Utilities Commission and has taken it to the Supreme Court for final decision. The Queen City Sand and Crushed Stone Co. sued the Cincinnati Crushed Stone and Sand Co. for a sliding put into its mine in Clermont county. The decision of the Utilities Commission was that the sliding had to be put in.

**Nab Alleged Fire Bug.**  
In Pickaway and Williams counties during the past few days have kept the fire marshal's office on the jump. Assistant Fire Marshal Charles Miller, who has been investigating alleged arson plots in Williams county, has under surveillance a man from whom, it is said, a confession has been obtained.

**Everhart Lands Post.**  
Joseph Everhart, of Licking county, who was connected with the State Department of Building and Loan Association for nine years prior to 1913, has been made first assistant deputy.

**Cleveland Is Ready.**  
A basis for payment of compensation to heirs of victims of the Cleveland tunnel horror has been provided by the city of Cleveland. Detailed information concerning salaries and wages paid its employees in the lake tunnel works has been filed with the auditor of state. From these figures the premiums on the compensation to be paid by the state are drawn. The premiums total about \$76,000. The Industrial Commission may pay claims from funds on hand without waiting for payment of premium by employer.

**Militia Officers Well Paid.**  
Acting Adj. Gen. Benson W. Houch, according to a local newspaper, is receiving \$3,500 a year as salary from the state of Ohio and at the same time is being paid at the rate of \$3,500 a year by the federal government. This newspaper also claims that Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks, of Columbus, is receiving \$3,000 a year as state game warden and at the same time is being paid by Uncle Sam at the rate of \$5,000 a year. Both officers are on duty at Camp Willis.

**Long Expected Order for Trip to Border Near, Officers Believe, After Reading Signs.**  
Western Newspaper Union News Service. Camp Willis, Columbus, O.—The arrival of more equipment, the receipt of an order to discharge immediately all men whose enlistments expire with thirty days, and additional efforts toward obtaining recruits are indications to Ohio's troops in camp here that they might be sent to the Mexican border soon. The equipment came from the government supply depot at Jeffersonville, Ind. It includes such essentials to warfare as 10 kegs of nails, one wagon wheel, two dozen garbage cans and other miscellaneous articles. All the equipment that arrived was distributed to the Eighth Regiment, the unit which is slated to leave first for the border when moving orders come. Guard officers place various interpretations upon the order to discharge from service at once all men whose enlistments are to expire within a month. It was thought by some officers that this order was for the purpose of eliminating immediately all men who would not be in the guard long, and who might go to the border only to return as soon as they had served a few weeks. Other officers, however, said the order was merely a routine matter and of no significance as far as troop movements are concerned.

Each regiment has sent out recruiting details, and an effort will be made to enlist each company up to maximum war strength. The officers just received an order from the central department of the United States army at Chicago designating Camp Willis as the recruiting depot for the national guard of Ohio. The order specified that all recruits obtained in the state should be sent here, and arrangements should be made for messing, sheltering and equipping these men as they arrive at the camp. The recruiting detail stationed at Columbus recruited two men. One man was added to Company I, Eighth Regiment, the Tiffin company, and the other man to the Cleveland Battalion of Engineers.

Many commanders are wondering now what will be the result if an order to go overseas comes while some of their companies are below the minimum peace strength. When the college men are discharged September 1 and those whose enlistments end within 30 days and the men with dependents also are released there will be several companies without as many men as the War Department requires. Serg. Hal T. Vigor, for the last nine years a member of Company B, Signal Corps, Columbus, was promoted to first lieutenant upon recommendation of his commanding officers and Gov. Willis he was appointed by President Wilson.

**INRUSH OF GAS PREVENTS WORK**  
Of Reclaiming Bodies Still Entombed in Tunnel Under Lake Erie.  
Cleveland, O.—A continuous inrush of gas held up efforts to reach the nine bodies, the last of the 19 victims of the recent explosion, still imprisoned in the waterworks tunnel under Lake Erie. Acting on the advice of County Coroner J. P. Byrne, Assistant County Prosecutor F. W. Green instructed city police to hold Crib Superintendent John Johnston at Lakeside Hospital until County Prosecutor Corbin Lochner returned to Cleveland. This action was decided on when Johnston declined to answer the Coroner's questions as to who had authority to order the entombed miners to go into the tunnel at 8 o'clock at night, or to express an opinion as to whether the disaster was due to criminal negligence.

**THREE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH.**  
Two Women and Child Lost Lives in Collision With Train.  
Wilmington, O.—Mrs. Porter Moore and two-year-old daughter Ida, of Wilmington, and Mrs. George Moore, of Tennessee, were killed instantly. Tom Moore seriously injured and Porter Moore fatally hurt when their automobile was struck by a fast B. & O. train. The women left eight orphaned children. It is thought that Porter Moore killed his engine while in the center of the railroad track. This is the second fatal accident at this crossing within a few months.

**TO BUILD A NEW LIBRARY.**  
Cleveland, O.—Bids for the \$2,000,000 worth of bonds for the erection of a new library building were opened by the executive board of the Public Library. Contracts will soon be awarded. Otis & Company and Hayden & Company, of Cleveland, bid \$2,043,100; Fields, Richards & Company, Cincinnati bid \$2,036,254, and Harris & Company, New York City, bid \$2,033,220. The bonds are twenty-five-year bonds, \$500,000 payable in ten years, and the same amount every five years after.

**DAYTON TO GET WORKHOUSE.**  
Dayton, O.—Ground was broken here for the new city workhouse to be erected on the recently-purchased farm along the Germantown pike near the Soldiers' Home. A number of municipal officials participated in the event, including Mayor Shroyer, City Manager Watto, Welfare Director Garland and City Commissioner Henry Hildebrand. The building will be constructed at a cost of \$30,000, and will be 800 feet in length.

WORK IS PLANNED FOR LEGISLATORS

ATTORNEY GENERAL URGES A STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF BUDGET STATUTES.

WOULD FIX ATTORNEYS' FEES

Revision of Substantive Property Taxation Act Is Official's Most Important Recommendation.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—If the next General Assembly desires, in a conscientious manner, to readjust laws, Atty. Gen. Edward C. Turner has mapped out enough work to keep it busy for many weeks. All of his suggestions and recommendations, however, deal not with questions of state policy, but rather with the proper enforcement in a legal manner of the policies upon which the people have decided. In this spirit the official submits his proposals, none of which is radical, but which are of a nature to make more smooth the administration of law. One of the evils of omission in existing legislation is found in the absence of a schedule of attorneys' fees in the workmen's compensation law. The average of attorneys has taken many thousands of dollars from the fund, which is the money raised from employers. In appeal cases the fees are left to the discretion of the trial judge, "with the result" observes the attorney general, "that there is not only a lack of uniformity, but not infrequently allowances are made that seem to be entirely out of proportion to the services rendered and amount recovered for injured workmen."

A further suggestion toward protection of the fund is to make claims for compensation premiums the first and preferred claims on the property of employers, because it has been found that premiums are often lost when employers become insolvent. Easily the most important is the recommendation that there be a revision of the substantive property taxation laws of the state. The people by repeated refusals to change the uniform rate policy are positively committed to it, says the attorney general, and the law should be changed to fit the policy to modern conditions. It is unfortunate that both the Barnes and Parrett-Whittemore laws dealt with the form of administration and neglected the larger features of the situation, so the law states are criticized as "archaic."

The amendments that have been made have been pieces of patchwork, says Mr. Turner, that should give way to a complete revision. Since the constitutional validity of both laws is before the Supreme court, the attention of the state's sole attention is directed toward the establishment of a system that will not be "woefully haphazard and slipshod."

**Insurance Head Reports.**  
Perhaps the most important of many recommendations made by Superintendent of Insurance Frank Tassart in his annual report to Gov. Frank B. Willis is that in which he suggests standard provisions for health and accident insurance and coming out in favor of the industrial life insurance contracts. The reason is that much time is required in the investigation of complaints that reach the department, many of them well founded. Increasing importance of these forms of insurance, particularly in the agricultural belt of the state, which make the matter a field of possible large public service. "Yet," he observes, "the numerous conditions, provisions and exceptions which are found in so many of the health and accident policies tend to increase the life policies, instead of providing a public service, seem to have only the purpose of trapping the unwary."

**Hamilton County Leads.**  
Cities in Northern Ohio show large increases in building and loan associations, according to a report submitted by Gov. Willis by James A. Devine, who has managed the state department for four years. The assets of the associations in the state are stated to be \$270,000,000, an increase in the past twelve months of \$21,500,000. Hamilton county showed an increase of \$2,900,000 and still leads with \$37,729,000.

**Cole Declines Honor.**  
Former Congressman Ralph D. Cole, of Findlay, announced he declined the tender of the chairmanship of the National Speakers' Bureau, offered him a few days ago by the Republican National Committee. He said he will stump Ohio for the state ticket during September and October. It had been announced previously that he would accept the chairmanship.

**State Fair Appointments.**  
Manager Win Kinnaman, of the state fair, announced the appointment of T. E. Adams, of Newark, as superintendent of the agricultural hall at the fair. Harry Mangold, Sonora, and Charles T. Murphy, of Painesville, have been assistant superintendents. Fred Schipps, of Coshocton, will be superintendent of the horticultural hall. His assistant will be Crawford Tuttle, of Perry. Layol Piloton, of Painesville, is entry clerk. The judges announced are R. A. Hunt, J. P. Kell, F. N. Reuterick, L. M. Johnston and J. W. Cook.

**Promotions Are Approved.**  
The following promotions have been approved by President Wilson, upon recommendation of Col. J. Guy Deming, of the Second Regiment, and were just announced: Arthur E. Risser, Findlay, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant (he is city auditor of Findlay); John L. Watson, Spencerville, from first sergeant to second lieutenant; Edward J. Karst, Findlay, from color sergeant to second lieutenant; Raul E. Nédard, Spencerville, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant; Karl P. Abt, Ada, from first sergeant to second lieutenant; Frederick I. Rowe, Ada, from sergeant to second lieutenant; Donald C. Warren, Bowling Green, from Regimental Sergeant Major to first lieutenant; Frank H. Hume, Lima, from first sergeant to second lieutenant; Guy O. Shaffer, Lima, from first lieutenant to captain; Milo Terry, Van Wert, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant; Edwin E. Secor, Bowling Green, from first sergeant to second lieutenant; George E. McLaughlin, Kenton, from sergeant to second lieutenant.

**New Corporations Formed.**  
Hot water in July did not stop the formation of corporations. The month registered a large gain, well distributed over the state. Dayton, with \$10,000,000 increase, had the prize gain, but other cities displayed activity, particularly Cleveland and Toledo. The figures are: New corporations, \$11,288,910; increase in existing companies, \$47,248,500; gross increase, \$58,537,410; reduction, \$5,355,000; net gain, \$53,182,410. Figures for cities: Cleveland, \$9; Cincinnati, 23; Toledo, 12; Columbus, 9; all other, 94. Capitalization outside the four cities, \$6,070,310; Cleveland, \$3,200,600; increase Cleveland companies, \$7,665,500; gross, \$10,865,100; reduction, \$3,128,800; net, \$7,736,300; Cincinnati, \$754,000; increase, \$427,000; no reduction; net gain, \$1,181,000; Toledo, \$1,622,900; Columbus, \$600,000.

**Willis Names Delegates.**  
Gov. Willis has named the members of the State Tax Commission and other delegates to the National Taxation Conference on Taxation, to be held in Indianapolis August 23 to 31. Those chosen are: Prof. H. L. Lutz, of Oberlin; Allen Ripley Foote, of Columbus; George E. Pomeroy, of Toledo; Frank G. Parrett, of Washington; J. J. Taber, of Barnesville; F. S. Derthick, of Mantua; J. H. McGiffert, James Boyle, C. A. Jones, R. M. Ditty, and A. B. Beckinbaugh, of Columbus; C. J. Howard, of Barnesville; A. B. Garver, of Tippecanoe; Frank E. Whittemore, of Akron, and Peter W. Durr, of Cincinnati.

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The State Civil Service Commission just announced the names of eligibles for three positions: Docket clerk, Clerk of the Board, Karl R. Meredith, of Cleveland; Albert P. Thompson, of Henry county; Roscoe G. Herrman, of Auglaize county. Fourth assistant medical examiner of the Industrial Commission, Dr. G. W. Dunlap, of Johnston; Dr. Frank A. Rudledge, of Columbus, and Dr. D. W. Collison, of Columbus. First assistant medical examiner, Dr. Kenneth A. Clouse, of Columbus; Dr. T. R. Fletcher, of Columbus, and Dr. E. D. Harper, of Gaysville.

**Pays Large Premium.**  
The city of Cleveland just paid into the state treasury \$76,000, the amount of its premium to protect its employees under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law. At the same time the city reported 10 deaths in the waterworks tunnel explosion. As these men were all well paid the awards in case they had dependents would be the maximum figure of \$3,744. The notices of death were filed by the chief clerk of the city waterworks department and not by the dependents of the men who were killed.

**Appeals to Court.**  
The Cincinnati Crushed Stone and Sand Co. has appealed its case from the decision of the Utilities Commission and has taken it to the Supreme Court for final decision. The Queen City Sand and Crushed Stone Co. sued the Cincinnati Crushed Stone and Sand Co. for a sliding put into its mine in Clermont county. The decision of the Utilities Commission was that the sliding had to be put in.

**Nab Alleged Fire Bug.**  
In Pickaway and Williams counties during the past few days have kept the fire marshal's office on the jump. Assistant Fire Marshal Charles Miller, who has been investigating alleged arson plots in Williams county, has under surveillance a man from whom, it is said, a confession has been obtained.

**Everhart Lands Post.**  
Joseph Everhart, of Licking county, who was connected with the State Department of Building and Loan Association for nine years prior to 1913, has been made first assistant deputy.

**Cleveland Is Ready.**  
A basis for payment of compensation to heirs of victims of the Cleveland tunnel horror has been provided by the city of Cleveland. Detailed information concerning salaries and wages paid its employees in the lake tunnel works has been filed with the auditor of state. From these figures the premiums on the compensation to be paid by the state are drawn. The premiums total about \$76,000. The Industrial Commission may pay claims from funds on hand without waiting for payment of premium by employer.

**Militia Officers Well Paid.**  
Acting Adj. Gen. Benson W. Houch, according to a local newspaper, is receiving \$3,500 a year as salary from the state of Ohio and at the same time is being paid at the rate of \$3,500 a year by the federal government. This newspaper also claims that Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks, of Columbus, is receiving \$3,0