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LOYALTY AND COURAGE OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC.

Newport News citizens in all walks of life are standing together loyally for war against the Insurance Trust. Men who are compelled to carry large fire insurance policies and who do not feel at all confident of being able to secure protection from independent companies have publicly declared that they want no compromise, that they prefer to pay the ten percent increase in rates imposed by the Trust and see the fight that has been fought to a finish.

Criminal warrants having been sworn out and arrests made, the commonwealth is the adversary of the Trust, and no official action by the municipality is necessary at this stage of the proceeding. But the members of the common council and board of aldermen, almost without exception, as well as the city officials, have publicly expressed themselves as being in hearty accord with what has been done.

A striking illustration of the way the people feel about this thing is the action of two of the city's most prominent attorneys in volunteering to assist Commonwealth's Attorney Berkeley in the prosecution of the case against the heads of the Trust without compensation. The bar and the people generally should be proud of these men.

About the only individuals in the community who are not enthusiastic over the vigorous and courageous action of the commonwealth's attorney are the local insurance agents. It is more or less natural that the agents should see through the underwriters' glasses, and that the vision of even those who conscientiously endeavor to view the situation from an unbiased standpoint would be clouded to an extent. However, several of the leading agents have adopted a very fair attitude, and what the others are saying and doing is serving only to fan the flame of popular resentment against the methods and oppression of the Trust.

Those agents who are inclined to be active on behalf of the Trust should realize the fact that this fight is not being made against them, and that the best thing they can do is to keep out of it. As they have been parties to what is declared by the commonwealth's attorney to be an unlawful conspiracy, the prosecution might have been directed against them; but it was not directed against them; the heads of the alleged conspiracy, the people are usually responsible for the widdling of the increased rate-club against Newport News, were sought and will be the defendants before Justice Brown. The local insurance men should appreciate this. As a matter of fact, we are reliably informed that the local agents are compelled by the combination to accept

commissions considerably smaller than agents in other cities receive, therefore, it seems that are oppressed along with the rest of the Newport News public by the Trust.

ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

Newport News' rebellion against the Insurance Trust is beginning to attract attention throughout the State. The Danville Register, editorially, expresses the hope that the commonwealth's attorney will be able to restrain the operation of the increased rate, "at least until the larger question of whether the anti-trust laws have not been violated is finally adjudicated." Continuing, The Register says:

But whatever the final result, the vigorous action of the courageous attorney will awaken the insurance combine to its senses and remind those who direct its affairs that they are not yet quite omnipotent. The remedy for the existing condition lies in the organization of independent fire insurance companies which will provide insurance at reasonable rates.

WAITING ON THE GOVERNOR.

The fight for the abolition of the double quarantine system at this port and Norfolk has been just half won. Beginning June 1 vessels arriving from domestic ports will not be subject to inspection by the State officers, Governor Mann having changed the regulations for this port to conform to the amendment adopted for Norfolk by the Elizabeth river commissioners. But the worst feature of the unnecessary State service, the inspection of ships arriving from foreign ports within an hour or so after their inspection by the federal officer at Old Point, is yet to be eliminated. The Chamber of Commerce of this city, backed by the shipping interests and public sentiment, has appealed to the governor to relieve this port entirely from the useless State inspection, and we trust that it will not be very long before he grants the request.

The Norfolk Landmark says: The fixing of the Newport News rules rests by law with the governor, and his power in this matter is absolute. He could not only do less than give Newport News the same regulations which Norfolk and Portsmouth have fixed for themselves; but it is a pity that he does not display some vigor in the matter and wipe out the dual inspection to which everybody is opposed except the few who are interested in the fees it produces. There never was a clearer case of the public interests vs. a special interest.

The governor declared his intention of putting Newport News on an equal footing with Norfolk without hesitation. He decided to give some thought to the subject before going further, but unless and until he announces a conclusion to the contrary this paper cannot believe that the governor will fail to display that vigor so much desired by the Landmark and us all.

"POETRY OF MOTION."

A Good Word for the Noble Art of Terpsichore.

The very clever and versatile George M. Cohan has been moved to caution the serious and ambitious members of his craft against cultivating the artistic use of their feet on the stage. His reason, in brief, is that the public, if it likes a man as a dancer, will take nothing else from him. "A good dancer," he says, "who is also a good actor, can rarely get a big part, since the public insists upon seeing him dance, and no important role will admit of his doing this. Even if he could play Hamlet as well as Southern, he would have to disguise himself and change his name to be accepted in anything but a jig or an eccentric dance."

There can be no question about the truth of this. Cohan himself, William H. Crane, Francis Wilson, and Henry K. Dixey were all jig dancers and managed with difficulty to break into the "legitimate." That fact does not, however, appear to us to be of any serious importance. The popular taste for dancing is the thing, and why is it? From the time of King David to the ridiculous prancing of the Irish, from the Greek swaying to the frothy waltz and stately minuet, and from the ballet to the present "two-step," all peoples seem to have sought or admired the "poetry of motion."

Byron, who affected horror of the newly designed waltz movement, probably because of the disability of his club-foot, scolded the terpsichorean levity of the modern Greeks as being totally unworthy of the traditions of a once martial nation. His gibe is famous: You have the Pyrrhic dance as yet, Where is the Pyrrhic phalanx gone? Of two such lessons, why forget The nobler and the grander one?

As a matter of fact, while it may be nobler and manlier to fight than to dance, yet both have exercises at arms—and legs—and are by no means incompatible. Our West Point and Annapolis cadets dance anything, from a jig to the cotillon, and was it not from the ball at Brussels that the British officers danced off to their victory at Waterloo?—Philadelphia Press.

Indian as State Official. In New York State there are six Indian reservations, containing today about 5,000 full-blooded redskins. These people still maintain a nominal national independence and are self-governing, thus being able to keep alive their ancient customs and re-

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ligion. For this reason, as well as for the fact that the present reservations were their special domains as far back as the French explorations, New York presents one of the most fruitful and interesting fields for archaeological and ethnological research in this country. To uncover the rich mine of data hidden there requires a vast amount of fact. Many men have tried it and got nothing for their pains. Not until the State decided to appoint a State archaeologist and Ga-wa-so-wah-nah—or Mr. Parker—won the office by virtue of his well-nigh perfect civil service examination, did New York really begin to have a place on the archaeological map. From the moment he undertook to work progress was amazing. By virtue of his Indian ancestry he had access to much that had been denied former investigators, and this he has turned to good account. Scarcely had he been appointed before he uncovered a vast village and stronghold of the Erie Indians which had been previously unknown. Through this was revealed some of the most astonishing archaeological discoveries of the last decade. He has also recorded hundreds of folk tales, translated the rituals of Indian secret and social societies, made phonograph records of their ceremonies and songs, photographed their mysterious rites, and delved into the secrets of their traditions. The collection of relics he has gathered while engaged in this work, now stored at the State museum at Albany, is one of the finest in existence.—Bookkeeper.

HARRY WESTCOTT DEAD.

Well Known Resident Passes Away Very Suddenly.

Harry P. Westcott, aged 51 years, died suddenly Sunday morning at 6:20 o'clock at his home, 2403 Huntington avenue. Mr. Westcott had been in ill health for about a month, but the end came unexpectedly while he was sitting in a chair at his home. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church and interment will be made at Greenlawn cemetery. The following will act as pallbearers: Active—Fred Read, W. T. Hopkins, R. J. Mackey, J. J. Thomas, A. M. Mueller and J. J. McKoon. Honorary—A. A. Eastman, E. W. Milstead, W. K. Stow, A. Early, A. Swannie, B. J. O'Hara, Robert Frankfort and J. J. Hetherington. Mr. Westcott was a member of the local lodges of Elks and Eagles and both lodges will attend the funeral. Mr. Westcott was a native of Philadelphia, but had lived here for the past nineteen years. He is survived by his widow.

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Committee on Arrangements for Pennsylvania Trip Meets With Great Success.

Something more than \$200 has been secured already by the committee from the Phoebus Fire Department, which has in charge the plans for the visit of the laddies to Altoona, Pa., next October. The committee and the firemen are jubilant over the ready responses made to their requests and it is now assured that the money necessary for the trip can be raised.

Among those who have sent in contributions are: Hotel Chamberlin, \$25; Meyers Company, \$10; Old Point Comfort College, \$5; T. M. Wood Company, \$5; W. A. Pleasants, \$5; Freberg & Khan, \$5; James Cowan, \$5; C. D. Labaco, \$5; First National Bank, \$5; M. F. Higgins, \$5; Bank of Hampton, \$10; Hoffheider Company, \$5; C. W. Curry, \$5; Mrs. J. Wynne, \$2; Warren & Company, \$5; Sharro Company, \$5; Kearney Brothers, \$10; W. C. Terry, \$10; D. J. Busky, \$5; John Ferber, \$5; John Sherman, \$5; James Grant, \$5; Charles W. Stanglen, \$5; M. Cooper, \$5; J. J. Burns, \$5; W. T. Davis, \$5; George Benthall, \$5; H. P. Jackson, \$5; George H. Lancer, \$10; J. T. Boyhan, \$2.50; L. P. Burgess, \$5; Dixie Ruth, \$5; George Pickins, \$5; Harry Long, \$5; Saunders, \$5; Carroll Alton, \$2.50.

All the leading business men of Phoebus have formed themselves into a committee to raise the money for the trip and the first reports indicate that the cash will be gotten together and that the trip is going to be a "bummer" for the crack firefighting organization.

STRUCK BY TIE.

George Chandler Narrowly Escapes Being Crushed to Death.

George Chandler, a negro employed as a laborer by the track force of the Newport News Old Point Railway & Electric Company, narrowly escaped being crushed to death by a large railway tie the yesterday morning. He was assisting in repairing the tracks, while another gang was unloading a car of ties. One of the large ties struck Chandler in the back and he received injuries that are thought to be serious. He was removed to his home and Dr. Harry D. Howe attended him.

Mr. Rapoport Able to Be Out.

William H. Rapoport, proprietor of the Three, Five and Ten Cent Racket Store, who has been detained in his room for the past month with sciatic rheumatism, was improved sufficiently yesterday to walk out.

Mr. Weymouth Trustee.

Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., yesterday entered a decree in the United States court at Norfolk naming John Weymouth, Hampton attorney, as trustee for Bessie Katz, bankrupt.

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