

APPEALS TO THE POLICY HOLDERS

MORTON WANTS NO ADVERSE LEGISLATION

Circular Letter Is Being Sent Out, Urging Them to See That No Unreasonable Laws Are Made

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An appeal to the policyholders in all the states of the Union to lend their assistance in preventing adverse legislation is made by President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life Assurance society in a circular letter which is being sent to the policyholders. President Morton says that the insurance business is certain to be the subject of great consideration by legislatures soon to convene as a result of what has been printed and said about insurance during the last six months.

"But you cannot give men character nor make them honest by preamble, resolution or enactment," says the letter.

"What the life insurance business needs above everything is honesty and good business administration. There can be no objection to proper legislation safeguarding the business, but it should be sound and sane. The society depends upon its policyholders to see that there is no unreasonable legislation enacted. It may from time to time call their attention to measures calculated to do them harm, but under no circumstances will it be party to any corrupt methods in preventing strike legislation. We aim to meet the just requirements of every state and government and rely upon our policyholders to see that no injustice is done them."

"Any unfair insurance law or unfair insurance tax measure enacted by your state legislature injures you and reduces the dividend earnings of your policy. Your dividends would be nearly 10 per cent larger if it were not for the state taxes and license fees that the society is obliged to pay."

Mr. Morton expresses the opinion that the Equitable has no right to contribute to political funds and informs the policyholders that no such contributions will be made by the society in the future.

He says in future the society's reserve will be invested in real estate mortgages or the securities of other well established corporations serving the needs of the country which produce the premiums.

He assures the policyholders that the financial condition of the society as disclosed by a most careful examination by competent and disinterested accountants is excellent and that many economies already in practice and others yet to be made surely will enhance its conditions. He urges all policyholders to continue the payment of their premiums and says the investigation of the society has convinced him that there is no cheaper way than this for them to have sound life insurance.

EFFRONTERY OF POLICE ASTOUNDS TEXAS MAN

HORROR STRICKEN AT SEIZURE OF LIQUOR

Officers Give Offense to Finer Sensibilities of Drug Store Man From the Lone Star State, Where "Blind Pigs" Are Not Tabooed

W. P. Covilland discovered yesterday that to conduct a drug store in Texas is one thing and to conduct one in Los Angeles is entirely a different proposition.

In Dallas, where Covilland had been the proprietor of an apothecary shop, bars in the back rooms of drug stores were considerably toward paying the rent.

The police had been watching the place, Thirty-eighth and Maple avenue, since its opening and yesterday they obtained what they claim is positive proof that Covilland was selling liquor without a license. The drug store was raided with the result that much contraband liquor was found.

Covilland was horror stricken at the calm manner with which the officers confiscated his stock of joy giver.

The druggist said, "What in thunder is a drug store for any way? If I want to sell a little good whisky in the back room of my store can't I? And if not, why not? You say there is an ordinance against it. Well, am I supposed to know all the fool ordinances that a jay town has, huh? I am going back to Texas, that is the only place for a gentleman, any way. The idea of putting me in jail just because I supplied my friends with one of the necessities of life. Outrageous! I shall appeal to the governor of this state."

A large quantity of whisky and wine were confiscated by the arresting officers. Covilland will be tried today on the charge of conducting a blind pig.

Long ago, on the island of Nantucket, while one Nathaniel Worth was showing his mare and colt to his son, who was visiting him, the latter suddenly kicked him, whereupon he began to belabor the mare.

"Why, father," exclaimed his son, "the colt kicked you, not the mare."

"I know," was the reply, "but didn't you see her give him the wink?"—Boston Herald.

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WOODMEN ATTEND OPENING OF GOLDEN RULE GROCERY

Head Consul Drives Nails in Last Board of Building

Hundreds of Friends of W. F. Slater Gather at Home of Blind Man to Finish Generous Work. Eager Customers Make Inroads on Stock

"This is the grandest monument that the Woodmen of the World have ever erected. They have built temples of stone, marble and granite, but the fraternity that has entered into the building of this store and home for an afflicted brother is a monument that will last as long as time endures."

Such were the remarks of L. L. Boak, head counsel of the Woodmen, just before he nailed on the board yesterday afternoon that completed the construction of the grocery store and home which the Fremont camp of the W. O. W. have built at 127 East Thirty-eighth street, with the aid of the other camps and friends of W. F. Slater, a member who has become totally blind and unable to make a living for his wife and daughter by working at his former trade.

The occasion was the dedication of the Golden Rule grocery, suitably named by Mr. Slater. A number of the high officials of the Woodmen and many friends of the family of the blind man were present. A large crowd thronged the building from early in the morning until closing time at night and the business that was done had the appearance of being of a wholesale rather than of a retail nature, so numerous and in such large quantities were the purchases made.

Mr. Slater in Usual Good Humor Mrs. Slater and daughter Pauline were behind the counters waiting upon the customers, but trade was so lively that it required the services of a number of men in addition to the work as salesmen. Mr. Slater's father and mother, Judge and Mrs. C. G. Slater, were also in attendance helping to put up groceries or to attend to the wants of the customers.

Mr. Slater stood at the entrance of the building and greeted his friends as they arrived. He was in his usual good spirits and joked about his being a cash register without a bell upon it. I. L. Boak, head counsel, was the first speaker of the afternoon and complimented the Fremont camp upon the way in which they have responded in aiding a brother who has not been able to help himself. He told of his desire to be present at the raising of the frame and of his regret that he had not even had the chance to at least drive one nail in erecting what he termed the grandest monument that the Woodmen have ever built. He was afterwards informed that one board had been left off and proceeded with alacrity to nail it on. That he was delighted to do even this much could be seen by the look of pleasure that came to his face as he fitted it truly to its place.

Congratulates Blind Man W. O. Morton of camp No. 402 told his brother Woodmen that they had done a great deed and that it was his belief that their work was looked upon with pleasure by their Father in Heaven. He said that by opening their hearts and going to work with their hands they had made a monument that is greater and will live longer after they have died than any fortune which they might amass.

Peter Gilroy, state organizer, spoke words of comfort to Mr. Slater, telling him that he might rejoice in his affliction, for he has made thousands of friends, which is the greatest heritage that any man can leave upon this earth when he departs.

W. B. Ames of La Fiesta camp No. 63 spoke a few words of congratulation to his brother Woodmen for the way they have carried out their work and upon the good spirit that has prevailed. Numerous calls were heard for a speech from A. F. Borden of Fremont camp No. 466. He responded by saying:

"Is there a generous, kind-hearted person in this city who will help a broken-hearted old Scotch woman back to her Canadian home?" is the question county hospital authorities are asking. "If there is any such let him go quickly to the county hospital and ask for Mrs. Mary Parks."

The woman needs a friend if ever did anyone in that refuge of the sick and friendless.

Sixty-two years old, widowed, childless, friendless and penniless; weakened by a long sickness and unaccustomed to buffeting with the world, Mrs. Parks was shipped from her far-away home to come here, where she has not a friend and every face is strange.

The poor old woman staggered from the train at the Salt Lake station Saturday. Her extreme need was at once apparent to the agent, to whom she appealed, and she was hurried in an ambulance to the county hospital. Last night she sat in the woman's ward and told her pathetic story, while tears her brave spirit would not let fall glistened in her frightened eyes.

"For God's sake don't die on our hands," begged her sister with whom she lived in Winnipeg, when she saw Mrs. Parks was failing rapidly. "Go away to California; someone will take care of you there, and you will get better." So she was bundled off, without an extra penny above her railroad fare.

"Oh, but I want to go back," she wailed. "I want to see the children again. I've nobody here, and every face is strange. Help me to get back and God will bless you."

No words of condemnation for the unfeeling sister that thrust her out; only a tender longing for the three little nieces that were the one solace of her lonely old heart.

"If I could only get to my granddaughter up in Victoria," she said hopefully, "I'd be taken care of there I know. I pray God every night to send me an angel to help me."

Doctors and nurses at the county hospital are wondering if there is not someone to give the gentle old soul who has no one of her own blood to appeal to a little comfort.

gesting that Head Counsel Boak be given a chance to have a hand in erecting the building and led the way to the place where the one board had been unnailed.

The store as it now stands is a model one and is stocked with a full line of groceries or rather, it was before the customers began to come yesterday morning. So much goods was carried away that it will be necessary for Mr. Slater to make many purchases today to fill in his stock.

Mr. Boak Buys Havanos The cigar case was practically raided and nearly every man carried home a box under his arm. Mr. Boak, desiring to give some aid, purchased a large number of fragrant Havanos and had them distributed among the crowd who had gathered.

The living rooms at the rear are fitted up as nice as the average Los Angeles home and are comfortable in every way. All of the necessary furniture which is of good quality has been placed in them. A horse and wagon will be purchased in the near future for the purpose of delivering the goods from the store. Today a committee of men will go to the premises to fill in the ditch which is in front of the store and this will complete the work of making a model place for a combined store and home.

"Truly a noble work." "None but men with big hearts could accomplish it." "It certainly speaks in the loudest tones for the credit of the order." These are some of the expressions that were heard yesterday made by those who were not Woodmen but who were commenting upon the work. It is in reality a great work, but this sort of thing has characterized the Fremont camp as well as the whole order ever since its organization.

Recalls Skin Grafting Heroism It will be remembered that it was this fraternal order that allowed skin to be taken from their bodies to be grafted onto the body of George N. Shissler, who was severely scalded about two years ago.

A carpenter bared his brawny arm during the actual construction of the building showing a place where the skin had been removed. "How did you get burned there?" asked a stranger.

"Burned," said the carpenter as he proudly held up his arm. "That's not burned. They took that skin to graft onto brother Shissler."

This little incident shows that the members of the order do not do something for their fraternal brothers when they feel like it but are always willing to give a helping hand.

Borden Deserves Credit If there is one man who should be given more credit for the building of the "Golden Rule" grocery than others it is certainly A. F. Borden, secretary of Fremont camp. He has worked for eight months making arrangements and securing money.

"Borden doesn't work part of the time, but is at it all the time," said a Woodman at the grocery yesterday. "He threw himself into the work with his whole heart and never questioned as to whether we could raise the money or not. 'It's got to come,' he said when we wanted to wait until we secured the money before we began to build. It is his enthusiasm and enterprise that has carried us along."

The building committee was composed of A. F. Borden, Elmer Farnsworth, H. H. Hayward, John P. Helen and George Sowell. The latter drew the plans. All of these men have given much of their time from their business and have given freely of their means for the consummation of this generous work.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. A. W. Eschenberg and Miss Eschenberg of Santa Barbara are recent arrivals at the Webster.

L. F. Brown and Miss Brown of Pasadena are staying at the Empire. Los Angeles visitors include Mrs. J. A. Hill, who is at the Herald Square; Mrs. E. S. Young at the Breslin and Miss Zelinsky at the Woodward.

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MINISTER TELLS OF SIN OF PROCRASTINATION

WARNS HIS FOLLOWERS AGAINST WEAK INDECISION

Rev. Stephen Sherman, Jr., Preaches Sermon Based Upon Value of Individual Willingness to Bear Burden of Labor With Fortitude

Rev. Stephen Sherman, Jr., rector of St. Athanasius' Episcopal church, preached yesterday morning from the text, Acts xxiv, 25: "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, 'Go thy way this time; when I have a more convenient season I will call for thee.'" The preacher said in part:

"God is constantly speaking to us. He shows us a path of duty. We hear his voice. We are charmed by it. We even recall it after that it has left us. But when the Christ reasons with us of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, the Felix in our nature gains away and our only answer to the pleading Savior is 'Go thy way this time; when I have a more convenient season I will call for thee again.'"

"It is the sin of indecision, of procrastination. It permeates all our activities, secular and religious. It is especially prominent in this our land of sunshine. The spirit of the old Spanish friars—noble heroes that they were—often lingers with us. It is so easy to put off until tomorrow that which we should do today. Our love of the sunshine is perpetual. The little task that would make the room a place of cheer is neglected until articles become littered about and confusion reigns instead of order. The business man receives the order, small, to be sure, but important to someone. It is filled in four or five days, and then it is not wanted. The Christian hears the call to a higher life of duty. The call is God's written guarantee of divine help in the accomplishment of it, but the spirit of Felix reigns supreme and he says, 'Go thy way this time; when I have a convenient season I will hear thee again of this matter.'"

Drudgery Can Be Transfigured "So far as this fault pertains to the secular life, it is the result of our failure to see the part the little task plays in the make-up of life in general. God knew what he was doing when he gave us the daily round of duties. 'Burdenome,' we say. Yes, but even the burdensome task can be transfigured by God. The rainbow is made possible only by the thousand drops of dew that the sun lifts from the blades of grass. The watch would not keep its time did not the little ruby hold in place the delicately-set hairspring. The mural decoration on some memorial church would lose its beauty, remove but one of the myriad stones in the completed mosaic. Every task has its place in life's make-up. To us it is trivial; God transfigures it."

"So far as this fault relates to the religious life, it is a result of our failure to see that religious truth has to do with our own destiny. Men treat it as if it had to do with the hour, the day, the year. If it means anything, it means our acceptance of it shall carry us forward into a life that is beyond. That is why Christ Jesus always portrayed the heavenly vision. He saw clearly that no man could lead the right kind of a life here unless he had first laid hold of some truth that had to do with eternity. Men call this 'otherworldliness,' but the striking fact in regard to otherworldliness is the testimony which all history bears to its importance. The men who have

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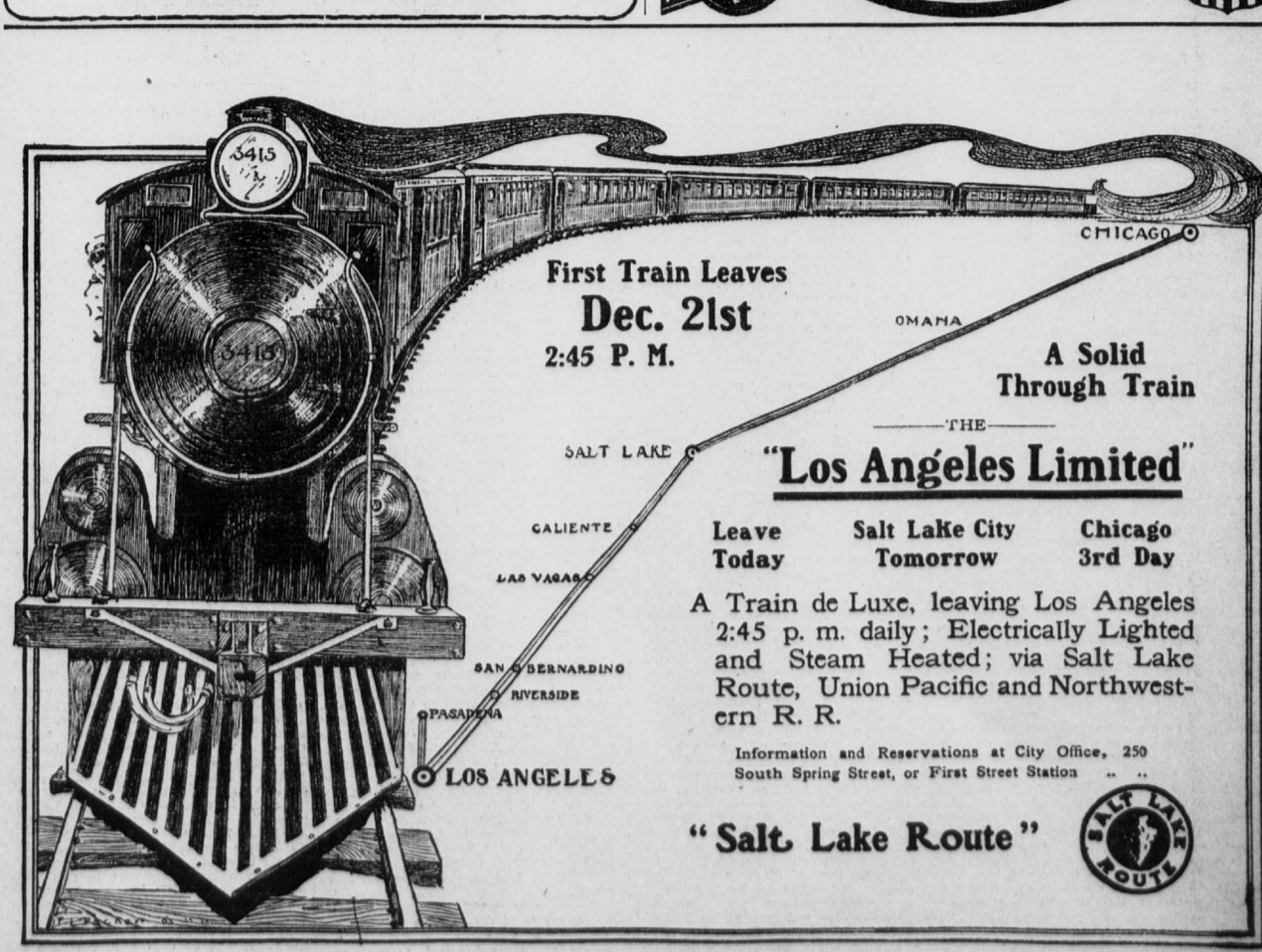
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