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MCCURDY ON STAND

PRESIDENT OF MUTUAL RELUCTANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Decrease in Dividends Is Unexplained Refers Committeemen to the Act of the Company—Investigator Attended With Revelations.

New York, Oct. 18.—Testimony in the insurance investigation was most exciting throughout the entire day and only the repeated threats of Senator Armstrong, chairman of the committee, to clear the room, prevented violent demonstrations of disapprobation of the witness, who was Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company. As it was, however, there were jeers at several periods of the testimony that temporarily interrupted the proceedings. These came when Mr. Hughes, the counsel for the committee, asked questions that Mr. McCurdy was reluctant



RICHARD A. MCCURDY.

to answer, or evaded, and were made by the crowd that stood at the back of the room, which long ago proved inadequate to accommodate the counsel and witnesses summoned and the crowds of spectators that increases with every hearing. Where this important investigation is going to lead or where it will end has caused no small amount of conjecture and doubtless in some quarters anxiety.

Mutual Employs Literary Bureau.

In Mr. McCurdy's testimony a feature entirely new was disclosed, and this was that the Mutual Life Insurance company employed a literary bureau to send out to the press of the country news matter that was of benefit to the company. This information was elicited during the probing of the "legal expenses" account. It came out when a voucher for the payment of \$2,500 to Joseph Howard, Jr., in 1904, was produced. Another voucher for the same amount paid in May, 1905, was marked "Repayable on demand" and "for professional services." Mr. McCurdy had vided the vouchers and explained that Mr. Howard was a newspaper correspondent and that his professional services consisted in syndicating news stories. Pressed further, Mr. McCurdy said: "Mr. Howard was a correspondent for the Boston Globe and several other papers." Mr. McCurdy further said that he paid Mr. Howard about \$2,500 a year for these services and that the voucher for May, 1905, was "really a loan or an advance."

McCurdy Dodges Questions.

An attempt was made to obtain from Mr. McCurdy the reason for reducing the dividends on policies as the business increased and the assets piled up. This question was prompted by the large number of letters received from policy holders by the committee and cited facts and examples. One in particular for \$3,000, that in 1876 drew a dividend of \$55.76, had been gradually cut until in 1904 it received only \$3. To all the questions on this matter the witness said he was not fortified with the information required, that these were actuarial matters, and when pressed for his opinion, replied that he refused to discuss the question. He would proffer a witness, his secretary, whose business it was to know these things, but as for himself he would not discuss the question. Mr. McCurdy's demeanor was so indiscreet and

at times so defiant that the spectators bent forward to catch every word and stood on tiptoe expecting every moment to hear him directed by counsel to answer the question. His proffer of another witness was all that prevented steps being taken toward his indictment.

Calls it "On the Rack."

Mr. McCurdy, also during the effort to induce him to answer the questions as to the reduction of dividends, launched forth into a protest as to the manner in which the investigation was being conducted. He said the committee was going beyond the scope intended when it was appointed by the legislature and that the investigation had assumed the proportions of an inquisition. He was asked by Senator Armstrong how he would conduct the investigation and told that if he had better methods the committee would be glad to know of it. Mr. McCurdy thought that putting a witness under oath made him feel he was on the rack. He said his answers were published in a distorted form, that appeared like an attempt to ruin him.

Man Killed by Train.

Sloux City, Oct. 17.—Albert Amberg, a carpenter, fell from a freight train on his way to Omaha and was instantly killed.

NORWAY A SEPARATE NATION.

Sweden Severs Band Which United It With Yoke-Fellow.

Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 17.—The union between Norway and Sweden, existing since 1814, has been dissolved, the riksdag having passed the government bill repealing the act of union and recognizing Norway "as a state separate from the union with Sweden."

The lower house passed the bill without debate, but two or three members of the senate expressed the opinion the dissolution was an irreparable misfortune and the time would come when Norway would perceive the benefits of the union. Both houses subsequently passed the new flag law. The flag will be a yellow cross on a blue ground, as it existed prior to 1814, the union mark, now showing in the upper left corner, being eliminated.

Christiania, Norway, Oct. 17.—King Oscar's refusal of the offer of the Norwegian throne for a prince of the house of Bernadotte is expected today and the government will ask the storting to authorize an invitation to Prince Charles of Denmark to become king. It is said that the reply will be favorable and that immediately on its receipt the storting will proceed to his election. The republicans are making desperate efforts to secure a plebiscite. They publish a manifesto protesting against the election of a king and favoring a republican form of government. It is understood that the republicans now control forty votes in the storting and it is said Prince Charles will decline if the republican majority is strong enough to be worthy of consideration. However, it is declared the question will be settled before the end of the present week.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Men on Way to Girl's Funeral Strike Another in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—With her head resting on a bank of flowers intended for the funeral of another child, eight-year-old Isabelle Walker was carried by the automobile which had struck and fatally injured her to the office of a physician, where she died on the pillow of white roses. The girl was fatally injured while crossing Ashland boulevard. L. F. Stevens, driver of the machine, was arrested. Mr. Stevens, with his brother Thomas E. Stevens, was hurrying to the home of a friend, and his brother held in his arms a huge floral pillow for the funeral of the friend's little daughter.

No Bank for the Laborers.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—The Union Labor bank in Chicago was sacrificed on the altar of frenzied finance at a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor. By an overwhelming vote the delegates laid on the table a report submitted by a banking committee in favor of establishing and supporting such an institution. Before the proposition was smothered it was raked fore and aft by a galling fire from many spectators; financial schemes were linked with graft and banking was declared entirely outside the sphere of organized labor.

Close Call for Crew.

Portsmouth, Eng., Oct. 17.—The crew of sixteen on board submarine boat No. 4 had a remarkably narrow escape. The boat was engaged in diving practice off Spithead and was submerged, when water leaked through the exhaust pipe and caused an accumulation of gas. A slight explosion followed, damaging the machinery. The crew, however, managed to raise the vessel, which came up stern first. A government gunboat nearby went to her assistance and saved all the crew. The submarine was towed by here for repairs.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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Church Is Blown Up.

Pittsburg, Oct. 17.—The First Presbyterian church at McKees Rock, a west end suburb, was blown up by natural gas and the entire building demolished. The explosion is said to have been the result of a leak in the basement of the building, which was sought by the janitor with a lighted candle. David Leader, the janitor, was badly burned and was caught under the crumbling walls, but was not fatally hurt.

Kaiser Honors Prince of Monaco.

Lindenburg, Prussia, Oct. 17.—Emperor William, in speaking at the dedication of the Royal Prussian Aeronautical observatory, alluded to the manifold services to science of the Prince of Monaco, who was present, and handed the prince the great gold medal for science bestowed a year ago upon a person of any country deemed most worthy.

Injured Artillerymen Recover.

Junction, Kan., Oct. 16.—The soldiers injured in the stampede of horses at Fort Riley are improving, and will recover. Private Connolly and Private Simpson, who were considered the most dangerously wounded, have more than an even chance for life, according to the hospital physicians.

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