

IN HALLS OF CONGRESS

COCKRAN DENOUNCES THE INSURANCE CONSPIRATORS

Calls Them Gamblers and Expresses Astonishment That They Are Permitted to Remain at the Head of The Great Mutual Companies

The house participated in, or listened to, a lively debate on the possibilities of controlling insurance.

The big address came when Mr. officials of the New York insurance companies and the methods that have come to light during the recent investigations.

Hits Nail on the Head

He declared that the system by which a trust fund of \$1,250,000,000 has been accumulated by the three big companies and is controlled by men who have no personal interest in the fund while the real beneficiaries are not allowed to say a word regarding them, must be uprooted entirely.

He declared there is no necessity of paying a man \$150,000 a year to run an insurance company, unless it is for the purpose of getting a man who can swindle the policyholders.

He said that it was most deplorable that the insurance officials, after making their confessions before the investigating committee, should be allowed to return to their offices. He asserted that it is impossible in this country to send a man with \$10,000,000 to jail.

Many Gambling Deals

Mr. Cockran stated that the insurance companies engage in thousands of successful gambling deals, all of which are kept secret.

He then referred to the manner in which the three big companies have reorganized as an example of the fact that a man with insurance experience is not necessary to run an insurance company.

He ridiculed the idea that Ryan of the Equitable would invest \$2,500,000 in stock that would return him only \$3,500 a year from purely philanthropic motives. Instead, he showed that Mr. Ryan had appointed as a vigilant committee to take care of his stock, three men who previously knew nothing whatever about insurance.

Relative to the presidency of Paul Morton, he declared that individual was unable to command a salary of more than \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year, before he was selected for his pres-

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it was in the hands of a board of trustees, who had themselves been ent \$90,000 position. And he, too, had no insurance experience.

Relative to the Mutual, he declared either active agents of insurance frauds on privy to them.

He closed by declaring "Rockefeller's fortune is a monument to crime, and he does not deny it."

Senate Passes Canal Bill

The senate passed the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill. Set speeches were made by Mr. Bacon in advocacy of his amendment requiring estimates for canal commission salaries; by Mr. Allison who devoted himself largely to the details of the bill; by Mr. Culberson, who criticized the employment of Mr. Bishop as a "press agent;" by Mr. Stone, who criticized the purchase of American ships to carry Panama supplies in face of the announced determination to go abroad for vessels under the conditions existing and by Mr. Newlands, who expressed the opinion that the construction of the canal should have been entrusted to the gulf survey.

A substitute for Mr. Bacon's amendment offered by Mr. Hale was accepted. It specifically requires that congress shall be supplied with regular estimates of all salaries except those paid to laborers, skilled and unskilled. Otherwise the bill was passed as reported from committee.

During the day Mr. Hale made the authorized announcement that Mr. Bishop's duties as "press agent" would be dispensed with.

Senate Committees

The enate committees were announced today. The following are the chairmen of the important committees:

Appropriations, Allison; finance, Aldrich; foreign relations, Cullom; judiciary, Clark (Wyo.); commerce, Frye; interstate commerce, Elkins; privileges and elections, Burrows; agriculture, Proctor; military affairs, Warren; naval affairs, Hale; Indian affairs, Clapp; territories, Beveridge; public lands, Hansbrough; public buildings and grounds, Scott; post-offices and post roads, Penrose; pensions, McCumber; Philippines, Lodge; inter-oceanic canals, Millard; rules, Spooner; claims, Fulton; District of Columbia, Gallinger; education and labor, Dooliver; Cuban relations, Burnham; Pacific islands and Porto Rico, Foraker; immigration, Dillingham; printing, Platt.

The members of the interstate commerce committee are: Elkins, chairman; Cullom, Aldrich, Kean, Dooliver, Foraker, Clapp, Crane, Tillman, McLaurin, Carmack, Foster and Newlands.

Washington Notes

Among the bills introduced in the house were the following:

By Representative Mondell (Wyo.) providing for the appropriation of not more than \$20,000 annually from the sales of public lands to the endowment of state schools of mines and mining or departments of mines and mining in connection with colleges already established.

By Representative Lacey, (Ia.) providing for the protection of fish, birds and game in sections of forest reserves designed by the president.

By Representative Parker, (N. J.) to create a national park commission to take place of various commissions now in control of military parks, also a bill restoring the sale of malt beverages and light wines to soldiers on army transports and in post exchanges under regulations prescribed by the secretary of war.

By Representative Clark, (Mo.) placing twine on the free list, also reducing the duty on agricultural implements 50 per cent; providing that the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of commerce and labor respectively shall be next in line of presidential succession after the vice

president; removing 50 per cent of the duty from salt, barbed and woven wire, logs or sawed timber and wood pulp.

By Delegate Andrews, (N. M.) providing for the admission of the territory of New Mexico as a single state.

By Representative Perkins, (N. Y.) a bill taking the duty off coal and lumber and placing wood pulp on the free list.

DOWN MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

How Will of Chicago Voters Has Been Nullified

The organs of special interest and entrenched monopoly are pointing to the complications in Chicago over the municipal ownership of the street railways as an argument against the adoption of the referendum system. The falsehood and shrewd deception and malice displayed by these corporation advocates should be exposed.

The people of Chicago in the municipal ownership contest have not used the complete referendum system at all, but the advisory referendum—the best that could be procured in 1901, and through which the people have been able to directly voice their sentiments against private monopoly. In this way, combined with the pledging of candidates to obey the will of the people when expressed by referendum vote, they have prevented the extension of franchises for private monopoly and at the same time have educated public opinion as to the value of referendum voting, which is bringing about the adoption of the complete referendum system.

Five years ago the advisory system was the best that could be procured and it was installed through the careful management of a small group of patriots, there being practically no objection in the legislature. From that inconspicuous beginning the municipal ownership issue was raised in Chicago and three referendum votes have strongly favored the system. Today the frightened monopolists and their subservient editors are endeavoring to make the people believe that all the referendum systems are failures because some of the Chicago aldermen are voting to submit to the people a proposed contract for an extension of the street railway franchises. Deception is the monopolist's stock in trade.

Backward Backbone

Pat—The throuble wld Dungan is he has no backbone.

Mike—Faith, he has backbone enough if he'd only bring it to the front.—Boston Transcript.

Heart Weakness

The action of the heart depends upon the heart nerves and muscles. When from any cause they become weak or exhausted, and fail to furnish sufficient power, the heart flutters, palpitates, skips beats; and in its effort to keep up its work, causes pain and distress, such as smothering spells, short breath, fainting, pain around heart, arm and shoulders. The circulation is impeded, and the entire system suffers from lack of nourishment.

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Good Profit-Sharing Enterprise

The United States consul at Victoria, B. C., reports a scheme of profit-sharing, conducted by the British company operating the street railways and lighting plants in that section, which is working well. After paying 4 per cent on the stock the balance of net earnings is divided into three parts, two of which go to the stockholders and one to employees of more than a year's standing in equal amounts to each—a track greaser receiving as much as goes to the general manager of the company in London. In 1903, the first year of trial, a sum equaling \$25 per employe was divided; the next year \$35; and for this year the division, which has just been made, amounts to \$40.



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