

With grateful acknowledgment for their confidence to the holders of its 9,960,106 Policies, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company presents the following summary of its condition and affairs for the year ended December 31, 1908, showing it to have been THE BEST YEAR IN THE COMPANY'S HISTORY

RESOURCES

Table listing resources including United States, City and R. R. Bonds, and Stocks; Bonds and Mortgages; Real Estate; Demand Loans on Collateral; Cash; Loans to Policy-holders; Premiums, deferred and in course of collection; Accrued Interest, Rents, etc.

ASSETS, \$236,927,361.19

The Metropolitan paid its Policy-holders in 1908 for Death Claims, Endowments, Annuities, Paid-up Policies, Dividends, Bonuses, etc., with the amount set aside on their behalf as increased Reserve

\$50,656,701.34

It has paid to its Policy-holders since organization, plus the amount invested and now on hand for their security

\$470,366,769.36

OBLIGATIONS

Table listing obligations including Dividends Apportioned, payable 1909, on Participating Policies; Same on Participating Policies, Ordinary Dept.; Bonuses Apportioned, payable 1909, on Industrial Policies; Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserve; All other Liabilities; Capital and Surplus

A REASONABLE INDICATION OF THE DESERVED POPULARITY of its plans and of faith in its management may be fairly claimed in the number of Metropolitan policies in force. It is not only greater than that of any other company in America, but greater than that of all the other regular companies combined, less one. It exceeds, in fact, the COMBINED POPULATION of 24 of the States and Territories out of the 32 forming the American Union; and as to CITIES, it exceeds the combined population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, New Orleans and Buffalo.

The Company OF the People,

Metropolitan

(INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK. STOCK COMPANY)

THE DAILY AVERAGE of Business During 1908 was

441 per day in Number of Claims Paid. 6,343 per day in Number of Policies Placed and Paid for. \$1,202,352.87 per day in New Insurance Placed and Paid for. \$166,633.89 per day Paid Policy-holders and Added to Reserve. \$126,996.37 per day in Increase of Assets.

ORDINARY DEPARTMENT

INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$526,939,378

The Company issues policies for from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 on individual lives, premiums payable quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

All policies are non-participating. They are plain business contracts which tell their whole story on their face; leave nothing to the imagination; borrow nothing from hope; require definite conditions and make definite promises in dollars and cents.

PREMIUMS ARE LOWER THAN ARE OFFERED BY ANY OTHER COMPANY

In the Intermediate Branch policies are adapted to the working classes. Each policy is for \$500 and the rate lower than that offered by the Savings Bank system of Massachusetts. Two of the Metropolitan's Intermediate forms recently standardized by the New York and Massachusetts Departments provide for attractive combinations of insurance and annuities at the lowest rates offered anywhere.



HOME OFFICE BUILDING The largest Office Building in the world; Madison Ave., 23d and 24th Sts., New York City.

The Ratio of Expense to Premium Income was the Lowest in the Company's History

being over 8 per cent. less than five years ago and more than 15 per cent. less than ten years ago

The Company wrote more business in 1908 than any other Company in the world, and this for the fifteenth consecutive year

The number of policies paid in 1908 averaged one for each sixty-five seconds of each business day of 8 hours, and in amount \$128.48 a minute, the year through. The value and timeliness of its policy payments may be gleaned from the fact that of the claims paid during the year, 5,479 were under policies less than three months old, 6,829 were on policies under 6 months, and 12,892 were within the first year of insurance.

BY the People, FOR the People

Life Ins. Co.

JOHN R. HEGEMAN, President

COMPARISONS, ETC.

Table comparing Life Ins. Co. performance with industry averages for income, gain, surplus, increase, and total policies in force.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$1,334,951,425

Number of Industrial policies in force, 9,301,001—insuring over six and a half millions of individual lives in the families of wage-earners. While the contracts are and always have been non-participating, the Company will this year have spent nearly EIGHTEEN millions of dollars in voluntary bonuses and concessions to the holders of these policies in thirteen years.

Cash bonuses on all whole life policies are annually allowed, amounting to over 8 per cent. of the premiums for a year. Additions of from 5 to 30 per cent. are made to policies maturing as claims, according to time policies have persisted. By the Company's present practice whole life policies are made free after age 75 or paid as endowments at age 80.

Industrial Insurance is Family Insurance, covering all ages from 1 to 70 on life, endowment and annuity plans.

WILLIAM L. KILLY, Supt., 414 N. Y. Life Bldg., 17th and Farnam Sts., Omaha, Nebr.

CHANCE IS GLAD TO BE BACK

Cub Leader Happy at Peace with President Murphy.

H. T. WOODRUFF RESTORES UNITY

Chicago Newspaper Man Goes to Los Angeles, Where Chance Is, and Gets Two Men Together by Telegraph.

The story of the reconciliation between President Murphy and Manager Chance of the Chicago Cubs is, in itself, an interesting one. The sporting editor of the Chicago Tribune went to Los Angeles, where Chance is and, using the telephone and telegraph wires as intermediary and arbitrator, effected a complete settlement between the two men, one in Chicago and the other in Los Angeles, secured an unqualified pledge from each to lay aside all differences and work together for at least four years more for the common good of the Cubs.

The four-year contract which Chance signed last season to play with and manage the Cubs begins to run this spring. Here is a statement from Chance published by the Tribune which tells the story and makes everybody happy.

consecutive National league pennant and the third world's championship. Mutual concessions brought about this result. I will have absolute control of the team. Mr. Murphy, as is proper, will be consulted by me on all matters regarding trades, purchases or sales of players. The question of salary likewise is satisfactory to both of us.

I always have wanted to return to Chicago. But differences, small at first, between Mr. Murphy and myself had grown until I believed such a result impossible. I thought we had come to the final break yesterday, and had determined to start for Chicago next Tuesday, there to sell my house and stock in the Chicago club and move to a newly purchased orange grove, for a permanent home. I knew I was obstinate, and I thought Mr. Murphy would prove even more so.

In this state of mind I met Harvey T. Woodruff of the Chicago Tribune, a newspaper friend of eleven years' standing. He pointed out several possible errors in my line of reasoning, and as a volunteer intermediary he took up the matter with Mr. Murphy through his Chicago office and several exchanges of telegrams and phone calls brought the whole matter to a close.

My best energies will again be devoted as heretofore to giving admittance of the Cubs the best base ball the Cubs know. FRANK L. CHANCE.

THORPE TAKES AWAY THE MONEY

He and Dixon Also Beat Townsend and Frye.

Charles Thorpe carried off the honors and money at the practice shoot of the Omaha Gun club on the Townsend Gun club grounds at the east end of the Douglas street bridge Sunday afternoon, when he broke 74 targets out of 80 and he and Bert Dixon won the match race from Doc Frye and W. D. Townsend. Crabb lost his match shoot to Hooker by one bird. They will shoot another match next week. Over 200 spectators gathered to watch the contests. Scores:

Table showing scores for Thorpe, Dixon, Townsend, Frye, Frank Crabb, and Bob Hooker in various matches.

STARS BACK TO THE MINORS

Four of the brightest stars in the base ball firmament for many years this year go back to the minors—Jimmy Collins, McGinnity, the Iron Man, Dummy Taylor and Harry Jack Chesbro.

NEW SPEEDWAY FOR AUTOS

Indianapolis Men Incorporate to Build It. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 8.—The much talked of motor speedway in Indianapolis, to be built in order to have the most courses in attracting the world's prominent automobile races, materialized yesterday when the Indianapolis Motor Speedway company, capitalized at \$250,000, filed its articles of incorporation. The track is only four and a half miles from the center of the city, and is reached by train and trolley.

GRIFWILL HOLD TO AUREY

Cincinnati Fox Has No Idea of Asking Walters on Chicks. Clark Griffith, the old fox, now manager of Cincinnati, is quoted in the Sporting News as denying most emphatically the report that he ever asked for Walters on Chick Autrey. He pronounces the report a simple fake. It is no surprise to Omaha friends of Chick to hear of this statement from Griffith. Here is what the Cincinnati correspondent to the Sporting News says: "When Manager Griffith got wise to the 'news' he did not hesitate to say that it was nothing more or less than a fake."

TWELVE YEARS SHARK'S PREY

Colored Fireman Enslaved Over Decade for Loan of \$35.

Back to slavery: Within a few days there will be celebrated all over the world the 100th birthday anniversary of him who freed the slave of the Great Emancipator. But the case of Frank Johnson makes some people think emancipation is not complete. Johnson is a colored man in the employ of the city of Omaha, a member of the fire department, engine house No. 11. He has been in the grip of the loan sharks for twelve years and has not once during that time seen his salary check.

"KID" BRIGGS UP FOR MAYOR

Arthur H. Briggs has filed for the republican nomination for mayor. He paid his money and entered the race Monday morning. He is the first republican to file for the office and Mayor Dahman, for reelection, is the only democrat who has filed for the nomination to date.

COLD WAVE FLAG IS RAISED

Weather Forecaster Welsh has hung the cold wave flag on the outer walls and throws out the hint that the cold wave is going to be the real thing, but may not get much below the zero point. Up in the Canadian provinces northward a temperature of 36 below is reported Monday morning, with 39 below in North Dakota and 5 below up at Rapid City, S. D.

HAS NOT EVEN DRAWN PAY CHECK

Many Firemen and Policemen Said to Be in Chances for Their Relief Is Begun.

Work has been started on the new garage. Work has been started on the new garage. Work has been started on the new garage.

WALTERS WILL GO DOWN, BUT NOT MUCH BELOW ZERO, SAYS THE WEATHER FORECASTER.

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Advertisement for Good Old GUCKENHEIMER Pure Rye, featuring an image of the bottle and descriptive text about its quality and history.

Large advertisement for S.S.S. HEALS OLD SORES, featuring a large illustration of a man and detailed text about the medicine's effectiveness.