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CONDENSED STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. DECEMBER 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year $3,893,939.50
Total Disbursements during the year 3,569,773.46

ASSETS.

Real estate owned by Company	$189,377.07
Mortgage loans on real estate	174,750.00
Loans secured by collateral	275,467.11
Bonds and stocks owned by Company	6,484,621.87
Cash in office and in banks and trust companies	183,683.23
Agents' balances	760,482.86
Interest and rents due and accrued	87,590.33
Gross Assets	$8,155,347.52

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Agents' balances due three months or more	$32,991.18	
Book value of ledger assets over market value	260,745.05	
		299,736.23
Total Admitted Assets		$7,855,611.29

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid (net)	$320,117.55	
Total unearned premiums	3,386,246.73	
Reclaimable on perpetual risks	969,874.31	
Salaries, rents, expenses, etc.	2,500.00	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for federal, state and other taxes	40,000.00	
Commissions, brokerage, etc.	22,175.40	
Reinsurance premiums	35,000.00	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		$4,772,913.99
Capital actually paid up in cash	$750,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities	2,332,697.30	
Surplus as regards policyholders		3,082,697.30
Total Liabilities		$7,855,611.29

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1912 ..$700,083,657.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912 ..... 5,547,222.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1912 ..... 60,958.28
Losses paid in Maryland in 1912 ..... 33,216.97
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912 ..... 32,536.14

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Baltimore, Md., January 29, 1913. I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONN., DECEMBER 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year $5,684,315.72
Total Disbursements during the year 5,185,009.07

ASSETS.

Real estate owned by Company	$127,291.14
Mortgage loans on real estate	27,700.00
Loans secured by collateral	59,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned by Company	8,870,092.09
Cash in office and in banks and trust companies	758,842.94
Agents' balances	1,019,623.38
Interest and rents due and accrued	90,092.01
Market value of real estate over book value	13,722.24
Market value of bonds and stocks over book value	730,078.50
Due from American National Bank in liquidation	7,070.00
Foreign premiums in course of collection	52,364.60
Reinsurance	9,999.57
Gross Assets	$11,815,881.28

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Agents' balances due three months or more	$9,531.87
Total Admitted Assets	$11,806,049.41

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid (net)	$485,001.34	
Total unearned premiums	4,975,937.27	
Salaries, rents, expenses, etc.	30,000.00	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for federal, state and other taxes	160,000.00	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		$5,650,938.61
Capital actually paid up in cash	$2,000,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities	4,155,090.80	
Surplus as regards policyholders		$6,155,090.80
Total Liabilities		$11,806,049.41

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1912 ..$967,824,096.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912 ..... 5,038,046.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1912 ..... 49,207.86
Losses paid in Maryland in 1912 ..... 9,347.05
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912 ..... 8,234.16

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Baltimore, Md., February 7th, 1913.—I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE FIRE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, PA., DECEMBER 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year $4,602,285.65
Total Disbursements during the year 4,463,665.57

ASSETS.

Real estate owned by Company	$767,484.21
Mortgage loans on real estate	1,987,931.66
Loans secured by collateral	193,951.12
Bonds and stocks owned by Company	4,961,871.53
Cash in office and in banks and trust companies	483,323.94
Agents' balances	620,462.08
Interest and rents due and accrued	114,999.31
Gross Assets	$9,129,935.85

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Company's stock owned	$10,850.00	
Agents' balances due three months or more	643.17	
Book value of ledger assets over market value	27,362.57	
		38,855.74
Total Admitted Assets		$9,091,141.11

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid (net)	$355,145.28	
Total unearned premiums	3,776,210.51	
Reclaimable on perpetual risks	1,574,187.52	
Salaries, rents, expenses, etc.	3,130.51	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for federal, state and other taxes	30,000.00	
Reinsurance premiums	12,203.96	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		$5,750,877.81
Capital actually paid up in cash	$750,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities	2,590,263.30	
Surplus as regards policyholders		3,340,263.30
Total Liabilities		$9,091,141.11

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1912 ..$973,389,635.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912 ..... 5,343,060.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1912 ..... 59,192.09
Losses paid in Maryland in 1912 ..... 24,701.63
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912 ..... 24,687.01

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Baltimore, Md., February 5, 1913. I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the FIRE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., DECEMBER 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year $6,354,108.52
Total Disbursements during the year 5,558,066.27

ASSETS.

Real estate owned by Company	$270,280.71
Mortgage loans on real estate	667,705.00
Loans secured by collateral	150,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned by Company	6,724,339.81
Cash in office and in banks and trust companies	353,592.25
Agents' balances	677,422.12
Bills receivable	107,240.80
Interest and rents due and accrued	60,560.63
Century Fire Insurance Company, secured	12,718.66
Reinsurance	30,482.00
National German-American Bank stock	7,000.00
Gross Assets	$8,961,371.88

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Agents balances due three months or more	$9,250.26	
Bills receivable past due	9,353.89	
Loans on personal security, indorsed or not.	82.44	
Book value of ledger assets over market value	159,888.53	
Reinsurance, doubtful	478.01	
		176,053.13
Total Admitted Assets		$8,785,318.85

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid (net)	$452,009.42	
Total unearned premiums	4,354,764.89	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for federal, state and other taxes	100,000.00	
Commissions, brokerage, etc.	3,751.05	
Reinsurance premiums	22,422.72	
Reserve for unpaid bills	1,000.00	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		$5,433,948.08
Capital actually paid up in cash	$500,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities	2,851,370.77	
Surplus as regards policyholders		3,351,370.77
Total Liabilities		$8,785,318.85

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1912 ..$694,779,626.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912 ..... 8,186,719.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1912 ..... 34,222.18
Losses paid in Maryland in 1912 ..... 20,522.92
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912 ..... 20,372.82

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Baltimore, Md., February 4, 1913. I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH, PALATINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., OF LONDON, ENGLAND, DECEMBER 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year $1,939,462.90
Total Disbursements during the year 2,081,876.04

ASSETS.

Bonds and stocks owned by Company		$2,722,605.27
Cash in office and in banks and trust companies		204,369.17
Agents' balances		399,712.23
Bills receivable		62.87
Interest and rents due and accrued		31,634.00
Gross Assets		$3,358,373.53
ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.		
Agents' balances due three months or more	$9,678.35	
Bills receivable past due	52.67	
Book value of ledger assets over market value	98,065.27	
		107,796.79
Total Admitted Assets		$3,250,576.54

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid (net)	$147,460.68	
Total unearned premiums	1,716,317.43	
Salaries, rents, expenses, etc.	10,385.92	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for federal, state and other taxes	35,061.62	
Commissions, brokerage, etc.	42,744.25	
Return premiums and reinsurance premiums	48,045.46	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		$2,000,005.26
Surplus as regards policyholders		1,250,571.28
Total Liabilities		$3,260,576.54

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1912 ..$287,803,001.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912 ..... 1,825,002.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1912 ..... 15,381.24
Losses paid in Maryland in 1912 ..... 4,043.34
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912 ..... 3,807.12

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Baltimore, Md., February 3, 1913. I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE PALATINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, DECEMBER 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year $762,246.42
Total Disbursements during the year 691,133.80

ASSETS.

Mortgage loans on real estate		$123,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned by Company		1,056,737.50
Cash in office and in banks and trust companies		37,879.01
Agents' balances		91,866.17
Interest and rents due and accrued		5,835.86
Gross Assets		$1,320,018.54
ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.		
Agents' balances due three months or more	$344.40	
Book value of ledger assets over market value	15,662.00	
		16,006.40
Total Admitted Assets		$1,304,011.64

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid (net)	$82,657.88	
Total unearned premiums	615,818.12	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for federal, state and other taxes	15,000.00	
Reinsurance premiums	16,614.69	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		688,090.69
Capital actually paid up in cash	$350,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities	265,920.95	
Surplus as regards policyholders		615,920.95
Total Liabilities		$1,304,011.64

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1912 ..$122,887,968.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912 ..... 729,736.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1912 ..... 7,369.70
Losses paid in Maryland in 1912 ..... 735.22
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912 ..... 760.22

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Baltimore, Md., January 25, 1913. I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

FREAK WEATHER IN NEW YORK

Girl Blown From Elevated Station and Instantly Killed.

FOUR SERIOUSLY INJURED

DAY VARIES FROM SPRING WARMTH TO FREEZING.

Gotham Experienced One of the Most Fickle and Changeable Days of the Year as Weather Conditions Go—Rain, Sunshine, Snow, Hail, Thunder and Lightning, Fair, Mild and Warm Were Among the Many Varieties—Flying Signs Inflicts Serious Injuries On Man.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
Room 1005 World Building,
New York, March 2.

This was freak weather day in New York, and it wound up with a 70-mile gale which resulted in at least one death, the serious injury of four others and a great deal of damage to shipping. The day will go down in history as one of the most fickle and changeable ones of the year, as far as weather conditions go. Rain, sunshine, snow, hail, thunder and lightning, fair, mild and warm, as if wafted in from a tropical climate, followed by freezing conditions and a piercing wind that penetrated to the marrow and removed hats with impunity, were among the many varieties handed out by the weather man.

None knew and none could even guess just what was to be expected the next minute. It rained early in the day, then the sun came out, and from that time on changes came quickly.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the weather settled, and while the sun came out and made everything from the inside appear bright and warm, on the outside a gale had sprung up and it increased in velocity until at 5 o'clock it raged at 70 miles an hour. In Gravesend, Sheepshead, Little Neck and other bays a hundred small boats were torn from their anchorage and either wrecked on the shore or carried out to sea.

Edna Hale, seven years, while with her parents, who live on Henry street, Brooklyn, was blown from the Flatbush Avenue Elevated Railroad Station to the pavement below and instantly killed.

Rose Kluchinsky, of Fortieth street, Brooklyn, was suddenly blown from the side of her brother in the platform of the Long Island Railroad Station at Sixty-second street. She was badly bruised and one of her arms was broken.

Charles D. Adams, 39 years old, a cripple, was blown down in the street on Seventh avenue, Manhattan, opposite the Times Building, and before he could rise was run over by an automobile, which passed over the lower portion of his body, badly crushing it. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where it is said he will not recover.

Miss Mary Koronetky, of One Hundred and Eightieth street, Manhattan, was hit by a barrel which was blown from the roof of a six-story building and badly injured.

William Kelley, of Ninth street, Brooklyn, was severely injured when struck by a flying sign at Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue.

That more persons at this corner were not hurt by flying boards, which were scattered in every direction, is regarded as miraculous.

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ON TRAIL OF ARSON TRUST

Firebug Gangs Engaged in Nationwide Depredations Is Charge.

New York, March 2.—The "arson trust" disclosed by confessions of incendiaries here and a "trust" of similar character in Chicago are in the belief of federal authorities strong links in a chain of firebug gangs that have been operating in cities throughout the country.

Insurance companies in many states are said to have been defrauded of millions of dollars annually. Insurance adjusters, brokers and men paid to apply the torch are alleged to have worked systematically to swindle companies by collecting on policies taken out on the property subsequently damaged or destroyed by fire. This condition of affairs, laid bare by the recent disclosures, it is stated, has led to a nation-wide inquiry by the government.

One of the accused leaders of the Chicago "trust," John Davies, is a prisoner in the Tombs here tonight. A Chicago assistant prosecuting attorney, who took part in the man's arrest, is on his way to that city, where extradition papers will be sought. Meanwhile the local authorities are at work on clues furnished in a confession from Robert J. Rubin, an insurance adjuster recently convicted of arson. Corroboration of Rubin's story, if found, together with information obtained from other sources, are expected to supply basis for indictments that will add a dozen or more prisoners to the score already facing trial as alleged members of the local "arson trust." Some of this information, it is intimated, points to the existence of an interstate traffic in arson.

OPERA SINGERS INSURED

Chicago Grand Opera Company Protects Against Accidents.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 2.—It was learned today that policies aggregating $1,267,000 have been secured by the Chicago Grand Opera Company, which soon begins a tour of the West and South.

The policies cover almost every form of accident. If Mary Garden, Mme. Tetrazzini or any of the other members suffer disability that necessitates the cancellation of a performance the company is to be reimbursed at the rate of $10,000 for each performance.

The tour begins in Dallas, Tex., next Friday and ends in Cincinnati on April 29, covering 65 performances.

While the greater part of the insurance was placed in London, it is understood that several American companies participated. The premium on the policies was $25,000.

This is the first time in the history of American insurance that such protection has been considered, it is said.

MISS BROOKS IN ROME

Baltimore Girl a Daring Rider at the Fashionable Meets.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 2.—A Rome cable to the Sunday World says: One of the most daring of women riders at the fashionable meets in the Roman campagna is Miss Brooks, of Baltimore, who is spending the season in Rome. She shares with her countrywoman, Countess Dentice Di Frasso (Georgine Wilde, of St. Louis), the distinction of following the hounds over one of the stiffest bits of cross-country in the hunting grounds of Italy, and stops at no obstacle which her mount is capable of clearing. Recently a full meet was organized in honor of the Duke of Westminster, a visitor to Rome and an enthusiastic hunter. All the crack riders were present, including Prince Teano, Marquis Macchiavelli, Colonel Pandolfi, Count di Thurn, and among the ladies, Princess Adolbrandini, Princess Rospigliosi, Marchioness Talleyrand and Donna Susa Lante de Rovero.

After a capital run of six miles the fox was run to earth, Miss Brooks being the only lady present at the death. The master of the hounds seems to have overlooked her presence, for with a flourish he approached the Duke of Westminster, presenting the brush with a profound bow. The Duke, however, still lower, turned immediately to the lady, who accepted the mark of homage due to her under the rules of chivalry with a smile.

MEDAL TO DR. HERBERMAN

Notre Dame University Honors Catholic Encyclopedia Editor.

Notre Dame, Ind., March 2.—The Laetare medal, awarded to some Catholic layman in America each year by the University of Notre Dame, is given this year to Dr. A. Herberman, editor of the Catholic Encyclopedia, it was announced here today.

The annual medal was founded 30 years ago, the first recipient being the historian, John Gilmarcy Sheet. Among those who have received the honor are Bourke Cockran, Dr. Thomas A. Emmett, Dr. James C. Monaghan, Dr. F. J. Quinlan and Thomas M. Mulry, of New York.

MRS. BOURNE IN PORTLAND

Senator's Wife Has No Definite Plans for Divorce Action.

Portland, Ore., March 2.—Without definite intention of beginning divorce proceedings against her husband, United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., but admitting that the possibility of such action is under consideration, Mrs. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., arrived in Portland last night.

Mrs. Bourne left Washington, D. C., last Monday. She declared she had formed no plans.

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Salts, cathartic pills, oil and purgative waters force a passageway for a day or two—yes—but they don't take the poisons out and have no effect upon the liver or stomach.

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A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels clean and regular for months.

—Advertisement.

THE DEMANDS OF THE BALKANS

ONLY CONDITIONS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF PEACE.

CESSION OF AEGEAN ISLANDS

Turkey Must Also Surrender Adrianople, Scutari and Janina and Must Cede the Peninsula of Gallipoli—Must Pay the Allies $300,000,000 War Indemnity, Deducting a Certain Portion of the Ottoman Public Debt.

Rome, March 2.—According to official information received here, the Balkan states will insist upon the following conditions for the conclusion of peace, even through the mediation of the powers:

1. The contracting parties pledge themselves to the immediate and simultaneous cessation of hostilities after the signing of the treaty of peace.
2. Contemporaneously Turkey must surrender to the allies Adrianople, Scutari and Janina.
3. The Bulgar-Turkish frontier shall extend from Rodosto to Midia, the exact line to be established by a military commission, composed of Bulgarians and Turks.
4. The Peninsula of Gallipoli to be ceded to the allies.
5. All the Aegean Islands occupied at present by the Greeks to be ceded to the allies.
6. Prisoners of war and hostages to be exchanged with the briefest delay.
7. Turkey to pay the allies $300,000,000 war indemnity, deducting from it, however, that portion of the Ottoman public debt borne by the Turkish European provinces.
8. A special representative of the Sultan to be permitted in the Balkan territory for religious purposes, having under his jurisdiction all mosques, plous funds and church properties.
9. All treaties, conventions and agreements existing between the allies and Turkey before the commencement of the war to be re-established.

SEA SCOUTS NEXT

Secretary Meyer Interested in Proposed Boy Scout Extension.

Washington, March 2.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has issued a general order to all navy officials and commandants of navy yards and naval stations to cooperate in every way possible in the development of a division of "Sea Scouts" as a branch of the Boy Scouts of America. Notice of the issuing of the general order was received today by Colin H. Livingstone, president of the National Council of the Boy Scouts, and the national organization took immediate steps toward the development of the Sea Scouts as an important adjunct of the Boy Scouts organization.

IT IS DIFFERENT NOW

Democrats Agree to Increase in Salary of President's Secretary.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 2.—The Republican managers of the General Deficiency Bill in the Senate this afternoon increased the salary of the secretary to the President from $6,000 to $7,500 a year and made provision that this hereafter should be the permanent compensation. The same Democratic members of the Appropriations Committee who a year ago insisted that the salary should be reduced, urged today that the increase be granted.

Senator Jonathan Bourne wanted the pay fixed at $10,000 a year, but this was not agreed to by the committee. The House will agree to the Senate amendment and Secretary Tumulty will receive the same salary that Secretary Hilles has drawn since he assumed the office.

DIPLOMATS IN A STEW

Uncertain as to How to Receive Castro in Washington.

Washington, March 2.—Gen. Cipriano Castro, the deposed dictator of Venezuela, is coming to Washington. This developed today when a downtown hotel received a cablegram from Havana asking that a suite of rooms be reserved for him and his party. The exact date was not given, but the exiled dictator is expected here in time to attend the inauguration of President Wilson.

The hotel is the gathering place of the ministers and diplomats from Central America, and interest approaching consternation was evident when the news of Castro's coming was made known. Several of the envoys apparently foresaw diplomatic complications, and the manner in which the former president shall be received by them is a question of grave discussion.

UNIQUE ELECTION BET

Man to Lead Donkey Across Continent for Losing.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Portland, Me., March 2.—To pay an unique election bet, B. H. Anderson, former general secretary of the Butler (Pa.) Chamber of Commerce, who backed Roosevelt against the field, leaves here at noon March 4, leading a donkey, which he will continue to lead across the country to Portland, Ore.

The donkey, emblem of Democracy, will be decorated with a banner bearing the inscription:

"From Portland to Portland. The man who lost his bet. For president, 1916, Theodore Roosevelt."

Anderson must call on the governor of each state through which he passes, and will also have to drop in at the White House to greet the new President.

His route will be. Portland, Me.; Concord, N. H.; Boston, Mass.; Albany, N. Y.; Trenton, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Annapolis, Md.; Washington, D. C.; Cumberland, Md.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Akron, O.; Columbus, O.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Springfield, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Jefferson City, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; Topeka, Kan.; Denver, Col.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Boise, Idaho, and to Portland, Ore.

The only moving vehicle Anderson may board is a ferry boat. He expects to complete his trip of 4,500 miles in about eight months—providing the donkey "leads" well.

"If every state did as well as my own (Pennsylvania) I wouldn't have to walk," said Anderson. "But watch us in 1916."

GERMAN MILITARY HOAX

A Fake Order for Mobilization on a War Footing.

Cardiff, Wales, March 2.—The Welsh military authorities were the victims today of a hoax similar to that which recently caused the entire German garrison of Strassburg to assemble for inspection by the Emperor William, whose approach was announced by a practical joker.

Military and police officials received apparently authoritative instructions to begin the mobilization of the territorial troops on a war footing. Walls and billboards were promptly placarded with the mobilization order, and telegrams were sent to all territorial soldiers residing in outlying districts. The arrangements for billeting the men on the inhabitants of the towns were well under way before the hoax was discovered.

Don't Let Catarrh Get the Best of You

If you have catarrh and are neglecting it—you are doing a great wrong to yourself. In time it will undermine your whole constitution. You cannot begin too soon the work of shaking it off. Doesn't require any great effort. Begin today.

"I Feel Like a New Woman"

MRS. BERT BLAKE, of Port Dover, Ont., Box 36, writes: "I have been a great sufferer for years from throat trouble, catarrh, indigestion, female troubles, bloating, constipation and nervousness—at times I would be in bed, then able to be up again. Was under many different doctors' care, and would get better for a little while, then I would go down with chronic inflammation all through me. For nineteen years I had this poison in my blood. After trying nearly everything I got worse. I read in The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. I have taken the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' and have used five bottles of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. I am now able to do my work and walk with pleasure. I feel like a new woman. I enjoy everything around me and thank God for letting me live long enough to find something that made me well again."

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

has a curative effect upon all mucous surfaces, and hence removes catarrh. In Nasal Catarrh it is well to cleanse the passages with Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy while using the "Discovery" as a constitutional remedy.

Why the "Golden Medical Discovery" eradicates catarrhal affections, of the stomach, bowels, bladder and other pelvic organs, will be plain to you if you will read a booklet of extracts from the writings of eminent medical authorities endorsing its ingredients and explaining their curative properties. It is mailed free on request.

"The "Discovery" has been put up and sold in its liquid form for over 40 years and has given great satisfaction. Now it can be obtained of medicine dealers in tablet form as well. A trial box sent prepaid for 50 one-cent stamps. Address Dr. Pierce's Invalids Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

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