

### MILLIONS FOR MCCURDY'S

Family Got \$4,500,000 From Mutual in Twenty Years.

### REVELATIONS ASTOUND HEARERS

Young Robert Tells How He Advanced From \$1000 a Year Salary in 1867 to \$197,000 a Year Income—Louis A. Theban, President of McCurdy's Sons-in-Law, Had Rich Pickings.

New York City.—In an examination reported in details so surprising as to astound even the liberto imperturbable Mr. Hughes, it was shown before the legislative insurance commission that the stupendous sum of \$2,692,081.80 had been received by two members of the McCurdy family, Robert H. Theban, a son-in-law, and Louis A. Theban, a son-in-law, from the Mutual Life in less than twenty years, and information in the hands of the committee shows that the President himself, Richard H. McCurdy, received in salaries alone approximately \$1,500,000 in the same period. The vast sum received by the younger members of the family were mainly through commissions for foreign and domestic insurance, as well as for salary, and net income of the three members of the family from the Mutual Life in 1904 approximately \$2,692,081.80.

The progress of Robert H. McCurdy from a minor clerkship to a position with an income far in excess of that of the President of the United States which was the almost fabulous dimensions of the insurance business, entering the firm of C. H. Raymond, a general agent of the Mutual, at twelve years of age, fresh from college, at a salary of \$1000, Mr. McCurdy testified that in the first ten years of his connection with the Mutual his income from it amounted to less than \$200,000, that ten years after his connection he received in a single year commissions on foreign and domestic business aggregating \$110,000 and that in that year he was receiving one-half the income of the firm, which he entered one year after he began life insurance work. In 1886 he went abroad to organize the foreign agency of the Mutual, and from that time until recently he received vast commissions on all renewals business, commissions so enormous, in fact, that he had voluntarily asked that they be reduced. How stupendous they really were may be gathered from the fact that his receipts from this source alone in 1903, when he had just been made general manager at a salary of \$30,000, amounted to \$1,000,000, and he was still drawing income from the Mutual, written while he was a member of C. H. Raymond & Co., although in this year the amount had become insignificant.

Amusing as was this revelation, awarding the remarkable exploits of George W. Perkins in the realm of insurance, that they be reduced. How stupendous they really were may be gathered from the fact that his receipts from this source alone in 1903, when he had just been made general manager at a salary of \$30,000, amounted to \$1,000,000, and he was still drawing income from the Mutual, written while he was a member of C. H. Raymond & Co., although in this year the amount had become insignificant.

### A \$250,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

Huge Damages For Libel Asked Against the Ladies' Home Journal.

Chicago.—Another maker of proprietary medicines has sued the Ladies' Home Journal for libel. Dr. Hartman, of Columbus, O., who owns the Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company, demands \$250,000 damages on account of the publication by that paper of a pamphlet relative to his medicinal preparation to be signed by a Representative in Congress from North Carolina. Dr. Hartman, of Columbus, O., who owns the Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company, demands \$250,000 damages on account of the publication by that paper of a pamphlet relative to his medicinal preparation to be signed by a Representative in Congress from North Carolina.

### TO KIDNAP ROCKEFELLER

Pat Crowe Planned to Hold Oil King For \$2,000,000 Ransom.

Starving Confession of the Man Under Arrest in Montana For Stealing the Son of a Millionaire Packer.

Butte, Mont.—That plans had been laid to kidnap John D. Rockefeller and hold him for a ransom of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, and that the scheme was not executed because of the timidity of one of the plotters at the last moment, was asserted by Pat Crowe, the notorious outlaw, under arrest here for his connection with the kidnaping of the son of a millionaire packer.

So startling in its boldness was the plan to steal the Standard Oil man that those who heard of it were inclined to laugh at first. But as the boldest bandit of this section of the country told the details and circumstances of his visit to Cleveland and the preparations that had been made for the greatest kidnaping in the history of the country, all doubt as to the truth of the story Crowe told vanished.

### ARRESTED FOR SCHOOL GRAFT.

Professor Dougherty, Peoria's Superintendent, Accused of Forgery.

### EIGHT KILLED BY CAVE-IN

President of the Vermont Slate Company One of the Dead.

### MURDERS AT A FARM HOUSE

List of Victims in the Middletown Tragedy Now Complete.

### AGED OLNEY BROTHERS KILLED

The Bodies of Willis C. and Frederick R. Found in a Wood Half a Mile Above Their Home—They Had Been Shot to Death—Gasping Felled Mrs. Ingerick and Daughter.

Middletown, N. Y.—Orange County is aroused over the quadruple tragedy on the Olney farm, about four miles from the center of Middletown. The list of victims of the worst series of murders that ever occurred here was completed when the bodies of Fred R. Olney, fifty-eight years old, and his brother, Willis C. Olney, sixty-two years old, were found in a wood about a half mile from the Olney homestead, where the dead body of nine-year-old Lella Ingerick and the unconscious form of her mother had been found the night before.

### OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

The arrival in Hawaii of thousands of Japanese laborers has driven out many American workers from Honolulu and the other plantations.

### DOMESTIC.

Witcher Gladden, on his third trial on the charge of criminal assault, was convicted by a Simpson County (Ky.) jury. The judge then sentenced him to death.

### FORGIVEN.

Germany and France have come to an agreement on the Morocco question, regulating police and financial reforms, but affairs on the Algerian frontier are to be under French control.

### News of the Week

WASHINGTON.

Attorney-General Moody was directed by the President to begin proceedings to break up the monopoly existing at St. Louis, Mo., where the owners of bridges and ferries have entered into a combination in restraint of trade, exacting terminal charges from the railroads entering St. Louis.

### WRECKER'S BOLD ATTEMPT

Train From Greenville Knocks Obstruction From the Track and the Next Train Finds it Replaced.

Columbia, Special.—Two dastardly attempts to wreck passenger trains No. 12 and No. 15 on the Columbia branch of the Southern were made Sunday morning by unknown persons about two miles north of Honca Path. Neither of the attempts was successful.

### REWARDS OFFERED BY GOVERNOR.

Columbia, Special.—Governor Heyward has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the parties who waylaid and killed R. A. McDowell on the streets of Camden last Wednesday night, and at the same time inflicted dangerous wounds upon J. W. Porter in the attempt to take his life.

### MAGISTRATE MOBLEY'S CASE.

Governor Heyward has declined to remove Magistrate Jas. G. Mobley of Johnston who seemed to have excited the opposition of some people in Johnston by his action in regard to some cotton damaged in the fire at that place.

### A NEGRO SHOT.

Charleston, Special.—A negro woman, Christine Moultrie, shot another negro, Thomas Weathers Sunday. The shooting is declared by both Weathers and the woman to have been an accident, but the reports of the witnesses don't give the same version.

### CHEAP INSURANCE LOANS

President McCall, of New York Life, Makes Startling Statements.

### MONEY SPENT FOR LOBBYING

Investigator and Attorney Hughes of the State Insurance Inquiry Committee Makes Some Remarkable Discoveries Regarding Modern "High Finance"—How the McCall's Benefited.

New York City.—Something approaching a definite explanation of the mysterious legislative activities of "Judge" Andrew Hamilton, legislative agent of the Mutual, Equitable and New York Life companies, and of the hitherto inexplicable "yellow dog" funds came, when John A. McCall, President of the New York Life, testified that three-quarters of the measures proposed in Legislatures of the United States were "strike" or blackmailing bills, designed to "bleed" insurance companies.

### STARVING IN CADZASUS.

Armenians, Fired Upon by Turks, Cannon Firing.

### COLLECTIONS IMPROVE.

Magistrate collections improve as the season advances.

### COLLISION ON PENNSYLVANIA.

Millersville, Pa., Special.—Three men were killed, one man was injured and a carload of race horses were either killed or so badly hurt that they had to be shot as the result of a collision at the junction of the Lykens Valley branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, a quarter mile south of this place Monday.

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### FULL REPORT ON COTTON

Recent Enormous Consumption of the Southern Mills

### REPORT ISSUED FOR A FULL YEAR

First Census Bureau Bulletin On the Subject Shows An Aggregate of 14,455,994 Bales, of Which 61 Per Cent. Consumed At Home, Leaving a Surplus of 9 Per Cent.

### BANNER EXPORT YEAR.

In addition to the totals given 124,469 bales of foreign cotton were imported into the United States during the year. The exportation for the year covered exceeded that of any previous 12 months by 1,144,452 bales and they exceeded the average for the past ten years by 2,313,948 bales.

### SOUTH'S HUNGRY SPINDLES.

The total number of producing spindles in the United States is reported at 24,077,824 of which 8,211,734 were in the South and 15,866,090 in the North.

### PAT CROWE'S CONFESION.

Butte, Mont., Special.—Pat Crowe has admitted that he was in Omaha six weeks ago and engaged in a pistol duel with the police, during which an officer was shot. He says the police fired 16 shots at him before he escaped and that he opened fire to save his own life.

### KILLING A NEGRO.

Butte, Mont., Special.—Robert Van Pelt, 16, shot and killed a negro, Harrison, 13, on the street here Sunday.