INQUIRY HALTS RISK BUSINESS

COMPANY ORDERED BY COMMISSIONER TO CEASE WRITING F.F.W BUSINESS.

SALARIES ARE ALSO HELD

Examination in Progress! Just Start at $1,400 and $100 Be Compared Soon—Will Make Report Public.

(Special Dispatch, Correspondent.)

Frankfort.—Pending an examination of the Central Life Insurance Co., Lexington, now being made, Insurance Commissioner Matt C. Clay has ordered the company to cease writing new business and salaries have been suspended.

The examination has been in progress several weeks and will be completed soon. Commissioner Clay declined to discuss the condition of the company until he receives the report of the examiner, which, he said, he will make public. He said the drastic order was made in the interest of the policy holders and that he did not wish the company to assume any further obligations until its condition was determined by the examination.

Auto Fund and Tax Levy.

The state aid road proposition the first year of its experiment has proven an immense enterprise. Involving the expenditure already under contract of approximately $767,219 for the state's part of the road construction, it has required practically all the equal amount. Besides the amount established by the 5-cent state tax settlement of $537,292.42, and $107,214.58 the motor license fund July 1, and an equal amount raised by the counties by direct taxation, fourteen counties have issued $1,000,000 in road bonds. The state will expend an equal amount with these bonded counties in road construction, but the amount appropriated to them is not over one-half, within the two per cent limit, the apportionment continuing until the state has paid its half.

Many Accounts.

The number of fatalities in the state of Kentucky, especially to children and young persons, has been a concern of the superintendent of terminals of the Chesapeake & Ohio, at Covington, in addressing a letter to the superintendent of the public schools at Cincinnati, Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, and to the archbishop of the diocese of Cincinnati and to the vicar general of the diocese of Covington calling attention to the number of accidents to children and respectfully urging them to have all teachers under their jurisdiction impress upon their pupils the danger of trespassing upon railroad property.

"Stamp Out Illiteracy."

Christmas stamps to help the illiteracy campaign were issued by the State Illiteracy Commission and were sold at the Christmas season. The stamps are brown and bear the legend, "Stamp Out Illiteracy and Brand Christmas Cheer." President H. H. Cherry, of the Western Normal school, and President J. C. Graham of the Eastern Normal, both have announced that they will give credit in the course of study to teachers for their work in assisting in such.

Assistant To Adjutant.

Col. Jouett Henry, of Hopkinsville, commander of the Third Regiment, K. N. G., is mentioned for appointment as assistant adjutant general, a position that has been vacant ever since the promotion of J. Tandy Ellis to be adjutant general. Lieut. Carl Norman, brigade adjutant of the Second, also is an applicant. It is not thought that the appointment of Lieut. Ellis to be adjutant general, office open, is for one month after the Mayor takes office.

Tax Amendment.

H. M. Freeman, of Ghent; Max P. Dabney, of Bowling Green; W. H. Orr, of Covington, and Peter Lee Atkinson, A. Y. Ford and Albert Boone, of Louisville, were in conference with Gov. Stanley in regard to legislation carrying into effect the tax reform amendment. The Governor had no program other than to discuss with the gentlemen the needs of public buildings and exchange views on the question.

Warrants Called In.

Tom Rhea, state treasurer, made a call for interest-bearing warrants issued from May 14, 1914, to November 20, 1914 interest and principal to cease 25, 1915. The call totals $1,500,000 worth of warrants.

Protest Rate Increase.

A petition was filed with the state railroad commission protesting against an increase in freight rates from Louisville to Central Kentucky points and Covington and Newport. The petition states that the new rates which are to go into effect January 1 increase some of the rates over 100 per cent. They ask the railroad commission to suspend the order increasing the freight rates. The petition was signed by the Louisville Commercial club, the Frankfort and Lexington Chambers of Commerce, and many cities.

Adjourn for Holidays.

After handling down 30 opinions the appellate court adjourned for the Christmas holidays. The court will resume the first Monday in January for the transaction of business. The Kenton circuit court was reversed in the case of Bunnell vs. Cincinnati against the Merchants and Police District Telephone Co. of Covington. O'Connell was run down by a wagon belonging to this company, which was under contract with the city to perform certain duties. He was injured seriously and sued the company for $5,000.

Requested To Call Special session.

Gov. Stanley was requested by the state bar league of Kentucky to call a special session of the legislature to consider a revision of the tax laws of the state and an amendment to the constitution to the constitution. Judge Ford, Peter Lee Atkinson, of Louisville, Dr. Dabney, of Lexington, H. S. Rose, of Bowling Green, president of the State Bankers' association, and former Senator M. H. Froman, of Ghent, president of the state bar league, met with Gov. Stanley. The proposition of Gov. Stanley was that Gov. Stanley announced that he by "are authority of his office, or by the power of a recing the tax laws. The object of the special session is for the consideration of the bill free from political controversy. Gov. Stanley did not indicate what action he would take.

AUSTRIA MUST YIELD

SECRETARY OF STATE LANSING SENDS STRONG NOTE TO VIENNA.

FIRM STAND IN ANCONA CASE

Position Taken by the United States Government Remains Unchanged—Complicity of Submarine Commander in Issued Upon.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Lansing has sent the following reply to the Austrian note answering the protest made by this government on the sinking of the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine and the loss of American life on the vessel:

Text of Note to Austria.

"The secretary of state to Ambassador Penfield:

"Department of State, Washington, Dec. 13, 1915.

"You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows:

"The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiedinek, the charge d'affaires of the foreign and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian authorities with respect to the sinking of the steamship Ancona in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her crew had been assembled and when passengers were still on board.

"This admission alone is in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized rules of nations and established principles of those humane principles which should always govern in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances, the government of the United States has justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the nature and character of the additional testimony corroborating the Austrian report, and the number of American citizens killed or injured are in no way material matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is a matter established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

Principles of Humanity Violated.

"The case of international law and the principles of humanity which have thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and authoritatively stated, and are so manifest from the precedents of the past, that it seems to the government of the United States does not feel called upon I, debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government at present is disposed to question them.

"The government of the United States therefore, feels constrained once more to ask the imperial and royal government to consider the case of the Ancona in the light of the recognized principles of the law of nations and with the same spirit of frankness and with the same desire for the continued friendship existing between the United States and Austro-Hungary which has always characterized the relations between the government of the United States and the Dual Monarchy.

"The Ancona case according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without any warning and then fired on and sunk the town against Bulgarian attack.

HOUSE ON PEACE ERRANDS

President's Personal Friend Expected to Discuss Mexican Overtures.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The report that current here that Col. E. M. House of New York city, the president's close friend and adviser, is going to Mexico City to discuss the recent overtures. The report says that the visit is thought to be merely formality, but despite this some credence was placed in it.

ASKS FOR SEPARATE TRIAL

Max Breitung, Accused of Munitions Conspiracy Plans for Fair Trial.

New York, Dec. 22.—Alleging that he could not get a fair trial on account of his being charged with his fellow defendants, Max Breitung, indicted on the charge of conspiring to blow up munition ships plans, asked for a separate trial. Federal Judge Mayer set the hearing for January.

Pick State for U. S. Attorney.

Washington, Dec. 18.—U. S. District Attorney by President Wilson for United States district attorney for the eastern district of Texas. A. Dailey, resigned.

Freedom of a City.

Gratification in addition to the rights of citizenship is a franchise of merely historical interest and is conferred only as a token of honor to the freedom of a public address entitled, with the gift of freedom, in a gold or silver casket.

Encouragement Wing.

The man who sees lifting the world upward and outward are those who encourage, more than criticism.—Elbert Hubbard.

Daily Thought.

Most potent, effectual for all work whatsoever is wise planning, firm, continuing and commencing aiming men.—Carlyle.

JOHN H. CAPSTICK

John H. Capstick of Montville is a Republican and a Mason. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., in 1854 and is a Republican and a manufacturer.

WAR PLOTS IN U. S. ARE NOW UNDER CONTROL

Every Person Connected in Anti-Neutrality Conspiracies, Even Member Higher Up, Under Surveillance.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The activities of the German and Austro-Hungarian agents are absolutely under control. Government agents now are in possession of all of the facts of the munitions and other conspiracy which has threatened to extend Germany and Austria throughout the country. Every person connected with the conspiracy, even the higher up—is under surveillance. Whether all will be prosecuted for violation of the neutrality laws, is a matter of discussion. The culpability of the commander in a war vessel in the crime of the United States has been established. Whether or not he will be prosecuted