

temporary employes in the civil service. There is no remedy to suggest, no panacea whatever, except a realization on the part of the whole public of the truth set forth by Governor Stimson in his inaugural address, which had been expanded upon by Governor Gilmore in his address to the sugar convention and his response at the banquet given him at the Ayuntamiento just before he retired from office. Realization of the prevailing evil of widespread penury and downright poverty will make that evil so abhorrent to the public that the latter will accept, as the only possible remedy, the advent of more capital here and attention to manufactures which will offer employment at higher wages. Here we are, on domestic-trade relations with America, the world's best cash market, yet struggling miserably along—failing indeed to keep body and soul together—because we refuse to rise to the opportunities the situation affords us.



Life insurance policyholders and beneficiaries in the United States and Canada received in 1926 a total of \$1,585,641,125 from the companies. This is the summary of the Life Insurance Distributions Number of the National Underwriter. Of this grand total, \$858,732,085 was paid on death claims, matured endowments, annuities, disability claims and additional accidental death claims, while \$726,909,040 was accounted for by dividends and lapsed, surrendered, and purchased policies.

There were 90 cities in which total payments were in excess of \$1,000,000 and of these, nine were Pacific Coast cities. Los Angeles led the Western group with payments aggregating \$8,800,000; San Francisco followed with \$4,848,000; Portland with \$3,400,000; Denver, \$3,384,000; Seattle, \$2,500,000; Oakland, \$1,560,000; Pasadena, \$1,510,000; Tacoma, \$1,480,000; and San Diego, \$1,080,000.

Four \$1,000,000 Claims
There were four single claims for \$1,000,000

or more. The insureds were Rollin Ballard, Minneapolis, \$2,042,000; Jules E. Mastbaum, Philadelphia, \$2,007,000; Owen L. Williams, Portsmouth, Va., \$1,622,066, and Peter Reiss, Sheboygan, Wis., \$1,000,000.

Other outstanding features of the National Underwriters' tabulation included:

An increasing number of additional accidental death benefits are being paid, due partly to the more frequent inclusion of double indemnity

clause in life policies.

Life insurance is being increasingly used for the creation of trust funds to finance some worthy project.

Many names of national prominence are listed among the 1926 payments.

The largest claim reported for Canada was \$800,000.

Hundreds of policyholders who died in 1926 left insurance of \$100,000 and upwards.

She Who Writes "Let's Go to the Movies"



Mrs. George Read

Mrs. George Read, whose initial essay on the movies appears in this issue of the *Journal*, has the fortuitous distinction of being a daughter of that justly celebrated little city, Columbus, Ga., where her friends, Julian and Mrs. Harris, Julian being the son of Joel Chandler Harris, won the Pulitzer newspaper prize last year for the most outstanding newspaper achievement. After completing her university work, Mrs. Read made a particular study of the theater, on which she has become an unquestioned authority, as our readers, we feel confident, will soon observe. In pursuit of her subject, she spent some five years in Europe, writing, during that time, travel vignettes on the Riviera, Provençal towns, Paris, etc., which appeared in the Harris paper in America and in the Paris edition of the *Herald-Tribune*.

In New York Mrs. Read studied in the American Laboratory Theater, under Richard Boleslavsky. In Paris she studied French literature and the French stage under Louise Vincent, the well known authority on the works and life of George Sand. She is the wife of Captain George Read, U. S. A. Captain and Mrs. Read live at Fort McKinley.

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