

Aged Woman Tells Of Shooting And Death of President Abe Lincoln

Cleveland Star.

Last February 12, Mrs. Nelson Todd, one of the last survivors who was in the theatre when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated April 14, 1865 made a talk over the radio telling of the incidents of that night. Mrs. Todd is now 93 years old. Dorothy Ormsby, of Rockingham, listened in on Mrs. Todd's broadcast and wrote her for a copy of her address. Mrs. Todd sent it to Dorothy and autographed it. Here is the address: "What a wonderful storehouse of the mind! Here am I, feeling like a comparatively young woman, and if I live seven years more, I shall be a hundred years old. Not a ty-three years old! And how many things I have seen in those years. My earliest recollection dates from the age of three. When I was nine I heard Jenny Lind sing at the old Castle Garden.

"I have shaken hands with every President, also Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and Kossuth. I have in my life known many splendid people, and of all I have known there was not a finer than John Wilkes Booth, a fine looking man, a noble character and my own age. I had heard that he had fallen into bad company. We all know that his sympathies were with the southern states and we learned later that he was a member of a set of young fellows—radicals who would call them today—who drew lots to see which should kill Lincoln. It happened that the lot fell on Booth.

"I shall never forget the first time I saw Lincoln—nor the last. The first time was just a little before his second inauguration, when he passed through Newark by the train. I was horse-back riding and rode through side streets so that I saw Lincoln not once but many times on the rear platform. My persistence must have attracted President Lincoln's attention. William Courter, a friend of my father, and conductor of the train, told me later that the President pointed me out and said: 'That young lady there is a fine horse-woman.' That was the first time I saw Lincoln. Now I must tell you of the last.

"I was married in 1858. The war, as you know, followed a couple of years later. Those were awful times. What a relief when it ended on the ninth of April, 1865.

"Immediately upon learning of Lee's surrender my husband planned a trip to Washington. The day after he arrived was Good Friday, April 14th. I remember because we went to church. My husband was active in Trinity church Sunday school, Newark. I was amazed when later in the day he said, 'We are going to the theatre tonight.' To the theatre on Good Friday!" I said. He explained that the President was to attend a benefit performance of Laura Keen in 'Our American Cousin' at the Ford theatre and becoming a gala occasion and our only opportunity, probably, of seeing President Lincoln, we might waive our religious scruples.

"Theatres began earlier in those days. We were in our places on the center aisle just a few rows back from the stage at 7:30 when the curtain rose. There was a flag draped box on the right for the President, Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Harris and Major Rathborne. They sat in the second box.

"The curtain had gone upon the second act when there was a shot. At the same instance I was amazed to see John Wilkes Booth, whom I had known so well, half jump and fall from the first box to the stage 12 feet below. His spur had caught in the drapery on the box so that his leap turned out to be a bad fall.

"For an instant no one realized what had happened. It struck me,

Relieves Women's Pains

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Cardui, the purely vegetable medicine which so many women take and recommend, is sold by local druggists.

Sings at Fair



Helen Ornstein, contralto of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, who will appear in concert on the Floating Theater at A Century of Progress—the Chicago's World's Fair—on the evening of July 27, from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Booth had committed suicide. It was not until some seconds later that Mrs. Lincoln screamed. The house turned from the stage, where all eyes had been on Booth, and saw the President, his head fallen on his chest, slumped down in the old-fashioned rocking chair in which he had been sitting. Then, of course, we knew the greater tragedy that had happened.

Booth was hurt in his fall. I have read accounts and seen pictures of him hobbling off the stage to make his escape. This is as false as the story that he shouted 'Sic Semper Tyrannis.'

"Here is what did happen and I think I am the only person that knows Booth made his escape. Knowing Booth, it was only natural that my interest was kept enough to attract my attention to him even when I knew Lincoln was assassinated. When Booth's spur caught and threw him to the stage he broke his leg in a terrible way so that the bone actually protruded through his trousers, and smeared the stage with blood. Naturally he couldn't move. Laura Keen leaned over and patted his head. Then to my amazement I saw a rope swing out evidently thrown by some confederates, lasso him and whisk him into the wings. That was the last time I ever saw John Wilkes Booth alive.

"As we walked away from the theatre and the great tragedy, my husband said to me, 'What next?'

"We must go home," I said. And so we went to the hotel, packed our things and went immediately to the railroad station. The streets were seething with people. At the station the train about to leave for New York had not heard the news so they let us ride in the caboose. "We rode all night from Washington and arrived in New York in the early morning. Newark was just a way station in those days, and the trains did not stop there. When we got in we learned that Lincoln was dead.

"Our family was surprised to see us back before we had planned. Being strict Episcopalians we did not tell them we had gone to the theatre on Good Friday, so we told no one of the thrilling scene of history we had seen enacted. Nor throughout my husband's life did we ever tell. It was only a few years ago I let the truth out. I had gone to see 'The Birth of a Nation' in which the assassination of Lincoln was shown. When I saw the scene I gasped. 'Why it wasn't that way!'

"How do you know I was asked. Then I told that I was one of the few remaining witnesses of that great tragedy.

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest.
1840-1933.
"Mrs. Nelson Todd,
"No. 29 Lincoln Park,
Newark, N. J."

"Eliza," said a friend of the family to the old colored washwoman, "have you seen Miss Edith's fiancée?"
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STATEMENT

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE (Accident Dept.) INSURANCE CO.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Capital paid in cash \$ 5,082,000.00

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31st of previous year 25,937,407.42

Increase of Capital during year; 25,937,407.42

Income—From Policyholders \$6,010,588.23

Miscellaneous \$1,472,754.59

Total 7,483,342.82

Disbursements—To Policyholders \$4,081,169.53

Miscellaneous \$2,991,163.89

Total 7,072,333.42

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate \$ 243,294.39

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 17,049,288.36

Value of Bonds and Stocks 7,904,526.57

Cash in Company's Office 5,245.48

Deposit in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest 7,196.70

Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest 14,991.06

Premiums in course of Collection 727,062.29

Interest and Rents due and accrued 357,147.78

All other Assets, as detailed in statement 539,020.15

Total 26,849,772.78

Less Assets not admitted 32,456.52

Life Dept. 167,096,587.96

Total admitted Assets 193,913,904.22

LIABILITIES

Unpaid Claims \$10,306,441.00

Expense, Investigation, and Adjustment of Claims 133,000.00

Unearned Premiums 2,843,868.63

Commission, Brokerage, and other charges due 121,043.00

Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued 14,000.00

Estimated amount for Federal, State, county, and municipal taxes 239,500.00

Life Dept. 162,146,368.27

Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital 180,048,441.47

Capital paid up \$5,082,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities (includes life dept.) \$8,783,462.75

Surplus as regards Policyholders 13,865,462.75

Total Liabilities 193,913,904.22

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1932

Premiums Rec'd Losses Paid

Accident 14,476 23,252

Health 7,457 5,808

Non-cancellable accident and health 67,857 90,469

Totals 89,791 119,529

President Geo. I. Cochran, Secretary, S. F. McCling

Treasurer, Howard S. Dudley.

Home Office, 501 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Attorney for service: Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

Manager for North Carolina, Home Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, Feb. 8th, 1933

I, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Pacific Mutual (acci. dept.) Insurance Company, of Los Angeles, Cal. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1932.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT

NATIONAL ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE CO.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Capital paid in cash \$150,060.00

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, \$394,686.05

Increase of Capital during year, Total 394,686.05

Income—From Policyholders, \$530,538.12

Miscellaneous, \$18,162.96

Total 548,701.98

Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$212,029.44

Miscellaneous, \$350,955.54

Total 562,984.98

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate \$ 44,521.00

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 139,300.00

Value of Bonds and Stocks 153,147.27

Cash in Company's Office 10.60

Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest 2,510.71

Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest 14,630.44

Premiums in course of Collection 18,226.08

Interest on Rents due and accrued 3,219.65

All other Assets, as detailed in statement 8,055.60

Total 383,621.80

Less Assets not admitted 40,687.37

Total admitted Assets 342,934.43

LIABILITIES

Unpaid Claims 36,853.44

Expense, investigation and Adjustment of Claims 268.53

Unearned Premiums 28,732.04

Commission, Brokerage, and other charges due 6,642.26

Estimated amount for Federal, State, county, and municipal taxes 8,195.79

All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement 60.11

Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital 80,752.17

Capital paid up \$150,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 112,182.26

Surplus as regards Policyholders 262,182.26

Total Liabilities 342,934.43

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1932

Premiums Rec'd Losses Paid

Accident and Health 31,297 15,276

Totals 31,297 15,276

President, M. S. Boyer, Secretary, R. M. Fry.

Treasurer, W. H. Rosenberry.

Home Office, 244 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Attorney for service: Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, Feb. 6th, 1933.

I, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the National Accident and Health Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1932.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT

OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORP. LTD.

New York City

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Capital paid up in cash \$ 800,000.00

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year 17,924,295.97

Income—From Policyholders, \$9,942,498.78

Miscellaneous 884,627.32

Total 10,827,126.10

Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$5,551,574.84

Miscellaneous, 6,158,664.23

Total 11,710,239.07

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate 759,410.12

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 12,600.00

Value of Bonds and Stocks 13,561,494.06

Cash in Company's Office 16,386.67

Deposit in Trust Companies and Banks on interest 434,113.53

Premiums in course of Collection 1,895,443.33

Interest and Rents due and accrued 176,412.75

Bills Receivable 51,587.31

All other Assets, as detailed in statement 457,517.17

Total 17,364,964.94

Less Assets not admitted 370,311.04

Total admitted Assets 16,994,653.90

LIABILITIES

Unpaid Claims 6,587,896.00

Expense, Investigation, and Adjustment of Claims 10,000.00

Unearned Premiums 4,502,386.82

Commission, Brokerage, and other charges due 407,282.42

Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued 25,975.02

Estimated amount for Federal, State, county, and municipal taxes 231,048.98

All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement 3,375,971.07

Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital 15,140,560.31

Capital paid up \$800,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 1,054,093.59

Surplus as regards Policyholders 1,854,093.59

Total Liabilities 16,994,653.90

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1932

Premiums Rec'd Losses Paid

Accident 1,186 2,949

Health 188

Auto Liability 7,580 9,311

Liability other than auto 1,249

Workmen's compensation 2,957 4,454

Fidelity 3,180 248

Surety 138

Plate glass 362 333

Burglary and theft 1,146 279

Steam boiler 284 1,062

Engine and machinery 1,935

Auto property damage 2,765 3,009

Auto collision 36 175

Property damage and collision other than auto 81

Totals 22,709 21,437

U. S. Manager, Henry Collins.

Home Office, 1 Park Ave., New York City.

Attorney for service: Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

Manager for North Carolina New York Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, Feb. 23rd, 1933.

I, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd., of New York City filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1932.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT

NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

Chicago, Ill.

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Capital paid up in cash \$ 400,000.00

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year \$2,756,822.55

Increase of Capital during year, Total 2,756,822.55

Income—From Policyholders, \$2,595,263.05

Miscellaneous, \$100,269.64

Total 2,695,532.69

Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$1,099,425.91

Miscellaneous,