

## LAWSON, BUT NO PROXIES.

Arriving at Chicago He Promises to Clear Mystery of Visit To-day.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston arrived in Chicago this evening in his private car Iolanthe over the Michigan Central. He said he was in Chicago on insurance business, but declined to give details.

It is thought that he will hold a conference with Gov. N. B. Broward of Florida and ex-Attorney General Monett of Ohio, who is expected to reach the city to-morrow.

Lawson denounced the Armstrong Investigating Committee for failing to summon Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, and others of the "Standard Oil crowd."

"If I didn't do more tangible work in regard to insurance regulation than did the late Chicago Convention, I'd walk back to Boston, and it's pretty cold weather, too," he said. "I may have something interesting to say on insurance to-morrow."

"But why are you here?" he was asked.

"I cannot go into that now," was the reply.

"How about the trunks full of proxies that you are said to have with you?"

"There is nothing in that tale; how that got out I don't know."

Lawson denied being in Chicago on any copper deal, but said he would attend to other affairs besides insurance business. With him were Edward A. McSweeney, his secretary, and Frémont Older of San Francisco, who met him in Chicago.

## BISHOP GETS A GUARD.

Syrian Churchman Watched by a Brooklyn Detective Now.

Bishop Raphael Hawaweeny of the Syrian Greek Church applied at the Brooklyn Central Office for police protection last night, and had a detective of the Butler Street Station assigned to look after him while he attends to his pastoral duties.

At 9 o'clock last night the Bishop's sister-in-law called at Brooklyn Police Headquarters and said that there were several suspicious-looking men lurking around the Bishop's home at 320 Pacific Street. He had been called to officiate at the betrothal of two members of his church in Willow Place, and, fearing a repetition of the riot which took place in Manhattan a week ago, when two men were killed, desired that a policeman be detailed to ride in his carriage with him. Capt. Zimmerman of the Butler Street Station was communicated with, and he complied with the request. Up to a late hour last night, however, no trouble was reported to the police.

## TRIED SEVEN TIMES TO DIE.

So Says a Woman Who Was Fished Out of the East River.

A well-dressed woman, who told the police she was Mrs. Estelle Bilger, 34 years old, the wife of a lawyer of 161 East Thirty-fourth Street, Manhattan, tried yesterday morning to end her life in the East River at the South Second Street pier, in Williamsburg. A few minutes before she had been a passenger on the Twenty-third Street ferryboat Maine. Her actions on board attracted the attention of those in the women's cabin. When she stepped ashore two women told Policeman Homberg that she ought to be watched. Homberg started after Mrs. Bilger. When she saw him following she leaped to the deck of the sugar lighter Captain Albers and plunged head first into the river.

John Salvessen, one of the lighter's crew, and Homberg fastened a boat hook in her clothing after a struggle and hauled her ashore. At the Eastern District Hospital the woman said:

"I made up my mind it was useless for me to live longer. This morning I went out with the intention of ending my life. I tried seven different times on seven different ferryboats to jump overboard, but each time I was prevented. When I came over here I thought that I would not be interfered with again."

The woman said her seven-year-old son is with his grandfather in Tremont and that she was lonely at home.