

AFTER EXAMINERS GOLD IS STOLEN

The Comptroller to Make Investigation of Banks

TRAIL OF DIRECTORS

PROPOSES TO VISIT EACH OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND SEE WHY AN EXAMINATION CAN'T DISCOVER AND REPORT THE TRUE CONDITION OF A BANK.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Almost every case of a national bank failure since I have been comptroller, said Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency today, "the insolvency could have been averted had the national bank examiner determined the true condition and reported his findings in time for me to force a correction in the administration of the bank's affairs."

The comptroller also is going on the trail of national bank directors. He is going to find out at first hand whether the directors of national banks faithfully discharging their duties and if they are not he is going to find means to apply a remedy.

"In view of the fact that the excuses offered in practically every case a failure was unable to exactly determine the true condition of the bank," said Mr. Murray, "that the officers and directors would not correct the conditions brought to their attention by him, or any one of another dozen reasons, I propose to go into each of the various districts for the purpose of ascertaining at first hand why an examiner is unable to discover and report the true condition of a bank. In this work I will be accompanied and assisted by Oscar L. Telling, formerly national bank examiner and now chief of the division of reports in the comptroller's office."

"The comptroller desires to ascertain," says a statement sent to every bank examiner from Mr. Murray's office today, "why some examiners are capable of correcting, while they are in the bank, all the conditions subject to criticism, when other examiners are either unable or unwilling to accomplish like results and only report their criticisms to the comptroller's office notwithstanding the fact that now their specific instructions are to call to the attention of the board of directors all unsatisfactory or hazardous conditions with a view to having proper corrections made by the board during the progress of the examination."

Many of the examiners state in their reports of examinations forwarded to the comptroller's office that it is hardship not only on the examiner, but upon many of the members of the directory of county banks to ask the various boards to meet with the examiner during the progress or at the close of an examination.

"The comptroller is of the opinion that a board of directors which will not or cannot meet with a representative of the government for a short time twice each year to go over in detail the conditions which he finds and reports to it is composed of members who are not doing their duty in any sense of the word, and it is now proposed to find out whether or not the hardship complained of by the examiners really exists or if the various directors of national banks do not adequately supervise their trust."

Good Road.

The county convicts are certainly doing good work on the road between Washington and Chocowinity. When completed it will be a vast improvement over its former condition.

Beaufort county is fast getting its public roads in a condition that is praiseworthy.

Ill With Fever.

The many friends of Mr. M. E. Watson, the manager of the Palace Barber Shop will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed suffering from fever. His friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

New Fall Fabrics

We are receiving daily great lots of NEW FALL GOODS, and can show you some striking novelties in Dress Goods.

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GOLD IS STOLEN

Billion to the Value of \$57,000 Disappears

LEAD WAS SUBSTITUTED

IT WAS IN TRANSIT ON THE STEAMSHIP HUMBOLDT FROM FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, TO SEATTLE — THE AUTHORITIES HAVE NO CLUE.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—Gold bullion valued at \$57,000, part of a consignment of \$170,000 from the Washington-Alaska Bank of Fairbanks, to the Dexter-Horton National Bank of Seattle, on the steamship Humboldt was stolen in transit. Lead was substituted in the strong box that contained it.

Discovery of the theft was made today. The stolen gold weighed 250 pounds when it left Fairbanks on a Yukon river steamer for Dawson and White Horse the gold was contained in three wooden boxes and was in the care of the Alaska Pacific Express Company. When the boxes were opened by Canadian customs officers at Dawson the golden bars were found to be as stated in the express company's papers.

The boxes were opened again at the United States assay office in Seattle on Friday and the theft was discovered.

It is supposed that the gold was stolen on the Yukon steamer between Dawson and White Horse, or on the steamer Humboldt between Skagway and Seattle. The gold was in the pursur's cabin.

Detectives working on the case say they have no clue.

The robbery was much like the one of four years ago when \$69,000 consigned to Seattle by the Washington-Alaska Bank of Fairbanks over the Yukon river Skagway route was stolen from a wooden strong box, lead being substituted.

The theft was committed by Bob Miller, night watchman on a Tanana river steamer which was carrying the gold from Fairbanks to the Yukon steamer that was to convey it to White Horse.

Miller concealed the gold in his state room got it back to Fairbanks and secreted it so well that after his arrest on suspicion the owners of the bullion were glad to make terms with him.

He was promised a short prison sentence if he returned the gold and he produced \$50,000 alleging that the other \$19,000 had been stolen from him.

A Remarkable Woman.

In Yagkin county I met with a remarkable woman, who was born in 1810, and on June 30th last, celebrated her one hundredth anniversary.

She is still in possession of her mental faculties and can converse intelligently about things that happened 90 years ago. She is in good health, able to go about the place and enjoy her meals, but almost totally blind.

She is the mother of nine children four of whom are still living. She has lived to see 182 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Her husband died December 9, after they had lived together 62 years.—Rev. C. F. Whitlock in Wilmington star.

Nearing Completion.

The two story brick store on Market street being constructed by Mr. J. T. Lewis, is nearing completion. It adds much to the appearance of that part of the city.

It will be occupied by the Union Grocery Company. They expect to run a first class family grocery and cafe.

Basket Picnic.

A basket picnic will be given at the county home next Thursday by the ladies of the city. All who will take baskets are cordially invited. It is to be hoped that a large number will respond and help make the occasion a pleasant one for the inmates in whose honor the picnic is to be given.

NINE WERE KILLED

And Many Injured by Accident in Old Erie Tunnel

A NUMBER ARE MISSING

OVERHANGING SHOULDER OF ROCK CRASHES DOWN UPON LABORERS AT WORK WITH DRILLS, CRUSHING THEM TO DEATH AND BURYING GREAT MANY.

New York Sept. 12.—At least nine laborers were killed outright yesterday and ten others injured, one of them critically and all of them seriously, in the collapse of an overhanging shoulder of rock from above the western mouth of the old Erie tunnel under Bergenhill, connecting the Erie terminal in Jersey City with its westward division.

The collapse was directly beneath the edge of the Hudson boulevard, where that point runs along the inner line of Bergenhill and though the actual slip was out of sight of the holiday crowds, thousands lined the boulevard all afternoon, peering down at the work of removal.

Of the known dead four are Americans.

Of the known injured, the only one in immediate danger, is John James, an American, 30 years old. For several years the Erie has been working at the gigantic task of carrying an open cut for its passenger trains through the solid rock of Bergenhill, which is some spots is 200 feet high.

The cut was opened for travel not long ago, but there still remains the task of hewing a common portal for the old tunnel and the new cut out of the ledge where they will meet west of the boulevard. It was there that the fall came today.

A wall of rock from four to ten feet thick still separates the two sets of tracks, and eight sets of drills were pounding away at it today.

Their jar loosened a strip of rock and from this wall forty feet wide and twenty feet high.

It peeled off like wall paper and toppled, crashing into the spot where the gang was tearing down brick work at the mouth of the old tunnel.

Instantly they were buried under a mass of debris and hidden in the clouds of dust. It is known that there were more men in the gang than have yet been taken out or are accounted for, but as many of them were seen running into the mouth of the tunnel, it is supposed they escaped.

A huge mass of debris must still be sifted through before the full truth is known.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending, September 10th, 1910:

- Gentlemen: Azim, R.; Ayers, Mr. R. D.; Brown, Peter; Blount, Mr. Burden; Berry, Mr. Dave; Fleming, Dr. W. L.; Gregory, Mr. Ella; Griffin, Mr. John; Gippson, Mr. John; Harris, Mr. Charles; Hardy, Mr. Samuel; Illegible; James, Eugene; Kelly, Thomas J.; Latham, John Ed; Miles & Co., W. A.; Payne, Capt B.; Thompson, Mr. Frank; Tulen, J. W.; Williams, Rev. O. W.; White, Mr. E. D.

Ladies: Dougherty, Mrs. William; Dudley, Mrs. W. A.; Fleming, Miss Marceal; Gibbs, Miss Ida; Huggins, Mary E.; Hyman, Miss Olivia; Hawkins, Miss Lewis, (2); Hardy, Mrs. Mamie; Lucas, Miss Emma E.

Constitution of Two New States to be Drawn.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 10.—When the proper time comes President Taft will have something to say about the constitutions of Arizona and New Mexico, the new states, which his insistence has made full members of the union.

Advice was recently given by Colonel Roosevelt to the people of the United States to leave a loophole for amendment of their constitutions. Whether President Taft agrees with this sentiment is not known. He had doubted a policy of wise silence regarding the declarations of the former president.

It can be said positively, however that, as the law authorizing Arizona and New Mexico to prepare for statehood gives the president a veto on the constitutions which they adopt he will bring all of his legal judgment and experience to bear in securing for the new states forms of government which they will not be ashamed of a generation hence.

A man thinks his stubbornness is pride.

119th YEAR

The University is Now Fairly started.

The University of North Carolina is now fairly started on the 119th year of its service to the people of the state with an enrollment which bids fair, in spite of the raising of entrance requirements for the academic schools, to equal or surpass last year's figures, 521. The honor class which numbers 105 is believed to be the largest ever registered at a southern institution. The sophomore and junior classes are about normal.

As yet no statistics have been compiled of these two classes. In a recent speech delivered before the state association of county superintendents assembled in Chapel Hill, President Venable partly outlined the administrative plans for the coming year.

Realizing that the college was crowded to the limit of the capacity of the equipment provided by the state, he planned to have the institution grow in point of efficiency and instead of expanding in numbers he desired a small "topping-off," as he put it, in the number who registered last year. With this end in view, the faculty had made the requirements for entrance into the academic school 20 per cent higher with the hope of bringing down the academic registration some 50 or 60 just as the inauguration of an entrance requirement for two years academic work had cut the medical school from 115 to 60.

The fact that as many freshmen have already registered as had registered last year this time proves that no normal restrictions made on the part of the administration of the college can remedy the overcrowded condition of the University.

The help and the remedy must come in the form of an enlarged equipment made possible by an increased appropriation by the state legislature.

The new year sees several members of the faculty gone, because of inability on the part of the administration to give the promotion and increased salary necessary to keep them here.

Among those who are gone are: Dr. Dolly of the medical school, Dr. Mills of the department of chemistry; Dr. Ruffin of the law school; Mr. Eaton of the department of geology, and a few men of less importance.

The several vacancies in the faculty which have been caused by death, resignation and granting of leave of absence have been filled with a success on which the executive committee of the board of trustees and the administrative faculty may well congratulate themselves.

Dr. Bain takes the chair of Greek made vacant by the death of Dr. Alexander.

Dr. Bain comes from the University of South Carolina where he has a high reputation as a scholar and teacher.

Professor Lucius Polk McGee has taken up his work as dean of the law school. He succeeds Judge J. C. McRae, who died last year. Dr. Thomas Ruffin, resigned, is succeeded by Professor McIntosh of the law school of Trinity College.

Dr. A. S. Wheeler, associate professor of organic chemistry, Dr. Henderson, of the department of Mathematics, and Professor Toy of the department of Germanic languages, who are absent in Europe on leave of absence, are succeeded by Dr. Hall of Clemson College, Guy R. Clemens of the Harvard scientific school and Dr. Viles of the University of Ohio respectively.

Dr. Mims who has been studying in Europe since his election in 1908, has taken up his work as professor of English Literature. Dr. Royster has been promoted to the full professorship of English Language. Professor Graham retains his position as Professor of English Literature and head of the department of English. Professor Graham's work consists mainly in courses in self-expression. As a dean of the college he has not time to offer very many courses. Dr. Royster's speciality is Philology.

Dr. Mims is known best as an inspirational teacher of poetry. The English department is strong.

Good Sales.

Notwithstanding yesterday was Monday and a bad time for the farmers to get their tobacco to market there was over two thousand pounds sold at the Washington Tobacco Warehouses.

Today there was a nice sale being over six thousand pounds disposed of. The prices for both days were more than satisfactory to the farmers.

When it is disguised as lemonade we don't mind being handed a lemon.

THE POSTAL BANKS

Are Great Value to People of This Country

LOCATED AT CAPITAL

IT HAS BEEN OF UNTOLD BENEFIT TO THE NATIONS OF EUROPE—ALL DETAILS TO BE TESTED IN BANK TO BE ESTABLISHED IN WASHINGTON.

(Special to Daily News.) Washington, Sept. 13.—Some idea of the great value that the Postal Savings Bank will be to the people of this country may be gathered from the experience of other nations. Six European nations, in 1907 and 1908, had 26,000,000 depositors in their postal banks, with deposits amounting to \$1,641,000,000. England led with 10,000,000 individual depositors who had 766,000,000 on deposit, an average of \$72 each. Italy and France each had 5,000,000 depositors, and the average amount on deposit was \$58 in Italy, and \$55 in France.

In Belgium there were 2,000,000 depositors having an average of \$64 each, in Austria, 2,000,000 depositors having \$23 each, and in Russia 1,800,000 depositors with \$45,000,000 or \$290 each to their credit. The average savings bank account in this country is over \$400.

In New York State alone the 139 savings banks had, on July 1, 1909, \$1,444,974,860.61 on deposit—almost as much as all the postal banks in the six big countries of Europe.

This is believed to indicate that the Postal Savings Bank in this country will have a volume of business that will be tremendous. It follows that the machinery for the handling of this business will of necessity be complex. The central office in Washington will soon require a building of large size and many clerks to do the bookkeeping. For the purpose of deciding on the many details connected with putting the postal banking system into effect, a board of officials is now engaged in working out a comprehensive plan, and it is probable that many and perhaps all, of the details will be tested in a bank to be established in Washington.

SEVERE LOSS

Mr. J. G. Mixon Loses Store and Contents This Morning

Mr. J. G. Mixon lost his store building and the contents by fire at Bunyan this morning. The fire was first discovered about three o'clock and it is not known how it originated.

The loss is estimated to be three thousand dollars with only a small amount of insurance.

This is quite a blow to Mr. Mixon and he has the sympathy of all. He is a brother of Mr. E. R. Mixon of this city.

Lawn Party.

The Philathea Class of the Christian church Sunday school will give a lawn party on the green in front of the Christian church this evening for the benefit of the church.

Delicious and tempting refreshments will be served, and all who attend can expect a most pleasant evening.

It is to be hoped that a large number will be present and thus aid in a most worthy cause.

Is Much Admired.

The paving now going on at the bridge on West Main street is being much admired by the citizens. When finished it will be a credit to the city.

To Erect Church.

The Free Will Baptists are now making preparations to erect a house of worship on their property on Pearce street at an early date. This denomination has been worshipping in the Masonic Hall for some months. Their membership is growing rapidly, so much so that a suitable church building has long ago been proven. The structure will be wood.

Senatorial Convention The Democratic Senatorial Convention for this district will meet in the town of Belhaven tomorrow night for the purpose of nominating two candidates for senator in the next General Assembly.

The delegates from this county will leave on the regular train tomorrow afternoon and return the next morning. Several will attend from this city.

FACE ACCUSATION

Former Owner of Hosiery Mill is Indicted

FOR BURNING WAREHOUSE

MR. J. P. CARPENTER TO BE TRIED BEFORE A J. P. FOR ALLEGED COMPLICITY IN BURNING NEWTON HOSEIERY MILL LAST FALL.

Newton, Sept. 12.—Tuesday of this week the sensational charge of complicity in the burning of the storage warehouse of the Newton Hosiery Mills the night of October 1, 1909 lodged against the then owner of the mills, Mr. J. D. Carpenter, will be aired in a magistrate's court and a very great deal of interest is manifested in the outcome of the trial.

The charges are made by the State Insurance Department and grow out of an alleged confession said to have been made by a young white man, named John Rader, who lives near this place.

This confession states that Rader fired the warehouse at the instigation of the owner, who agreed to pay him a consideration. The warehouse and contents were damaged and \$6,500 insurance paid over to a Statesville creditor of the hosiery mills.

Shortly after his confession Rader was arrested here upon his arrival from Charlotte, where he had been living, and in default of \$1,000 bond was placed in jail.

About two weeks ago the Insurance department caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Mr. Carpenter, and Mr. Carpenter placed himself in the custody of a magistrate upon learning of the warrant, was released under bond of \$1,000 and a hearing set for the 13th.

Public sentiment is much divided on the soundness of the charges against Mr. Carpenter.

GOOD SHOW

The Attraction at the Gem Mueh Enjoyed by All

The Four Musical Woods in their comedy novelty sketch entitled "The Night Before Christmas" at the Gem Theatre last night, was witnessed by a packed house.

The ladies and children were simply carried away and the menfolk, too, were interested. The electrical effect added much to the attractiveness of the act.

The sketch is novel, well arranged and acted in a way to please and amuse. The Gem management is to be congratulated on securing this additional attraction this week. Nothing but praise is heard on the streets today for the performance last night.

The vaudeville will be on the boards again this evening.

Wedding Bells.

Madam Rumor has it that Washington will have many marriages among the young folk this fall and winter. One citizen puts the number at 30 and says this is the minimum.

Novel Present.

Deputy Sheriff John Lucas was the recipient of a novel present from one of his admirers this morning. The sheriff prizes it most highly.

Jolly Time.

The Washington Motor Club is to rendezvous down Pamlico river this week. They will go down in their motor boats the afternoon of Thursday and return the next morning. The fleet will be in charge of the commodore, Dr. John C. Rodman. All members are looking forward to the occasion with much pleasure. The fleet will be put through drills while away.

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL.

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