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One Of Largest Banks In West Closed Its Doors Early To-day

National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, Mo., in Hands of Bank Examiner--Other Banks Are Safe.

Statement of Comptroller of Currency as to Status of Bank--Had \$34,000,000 Deposits in Sept.--Cause of Failure.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, Mo., failed to open its doors, and is now in the hands of the national bank examiner.

The bank is one of the oldest establishments here, and is the largest financial institution in the city.

A notice on the door says that the bank was closed by order of the board of directors.

The directors and stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce include some of the most prominent men in the city.

When the statement of the National Bank of Commerce, under last call, appeared it showed that since the statement of August 22, the deposits had been reduced from close to \$55,000,000 to \$34,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The comptroller of the currency, in a statement issued today, said: "This bank is one of the largest in the west, and in September last had about \$54,000,000 of deposits. Something like \$22,000,000 of this was due to other banks."

The failure is doubtless due to calls which have been made on the National Bank of Commerce for these banks' business, and their inability to raise on their assets quickly enough to meet them.

Owed Large Amounts. The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, according to a recent statement owed depositors \$12,000,000, and owed other banks \$22,000,000.

Two Branches Close. Two small branches of the National Bank of Commerce, the Stockyards Bank of Commerce, and the Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, also closed their doors.

National Civic Federation To Hold Annual Meeting. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5.—The annual meeting of the National Civic Federation will be held in New York, Dec. 7 and 8. Among the subjects to be discussed are "Protecting the People's Savings," "The Prevention of Strikes and Lockouts," "Currency Regulation," "Postal Savings Banks," "Savings Institutions" and "Savings and Loan Associations."

Mr. Myers Cite \$5,000. The Supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Myers against the city of Charlotte for damage to his land southeast of the city by reason of the sewer pipes emptying into there. The jury in the suit awarded \$5,000 damages and this amount Mr. Myers gets by the decision of the higher court.

Cotton Receipts. Eighty bales of cotton were received on the local market today, and the best price was 11.40. The same day last year 59 bales were sold at 10 1/2.

Old Bank To Be Dissolved. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5.—The New York banking firm of Baring & Co., which has existed since the world-wide "barage crisis" in 1890 is to be dissolved Jan. 1. The firm was organized at the time crisis in the affairs of the London firm of Baring Bros. & Co., limited which shook the financial world, and succeeded the firm of Kipper, Peabody & Co., of Boston, as the American representative of the great London house.

Thomas Baird, brother of the head of the London house who opened the American branch, returned to London and was succeeded by Hugo Baring, his nephew. Baird has now in turn been called to England, Kipper, Peabody & Co. will become the agents of the Baring & Co. and will establish an agency in New York.

Yeggmen at Work Again In South Carolina

Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., Dec. 5.—Yeggmen have broken into the store of T. A. Bellotte on Hampton avenue, and rifled his safe. Fortunately the merchant had made a late deposit at his bank, leaving his safe door unlocked for the night, so the cracksmen only secured about a dollar's worth of stamps and some loose change. Everything in the safe was pulled out and papers and books were scattered in every direction, envelopes being opened and leaves torn from the ledger in the search for money.

Three men have been arrested and are held at police headquarters as suspicious characters. They look like ordinary hoboes, their faces being blackened by the camp fire and showing no signs of powder stains as are usually found on professional yeggmen.

In this neighborhood the gangs have devoted themselves almost exclusively to post office operations, having cracked government safes at Pelzer, Williamston, Seneca and Mauldin within the last week or two.

For Closer Commercial Relations Meeting Held. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—To effect a closer tie between the department of commerce and labor and the commercial bodies of the country, a notable gathering was held in the office of the secretary of commerce and labor.

Besides Secretary of State Root and Secretary Strauss there were present delegates from the chambers of commerce, boards of trade and other organizations from various cities, including Atlanta, New Orleans, Charleston, S. C., and Richmond.

Today's meeting was of a preliminary nature. The credentials of Rev. Pope, who was located last year were surrendered to the conference.

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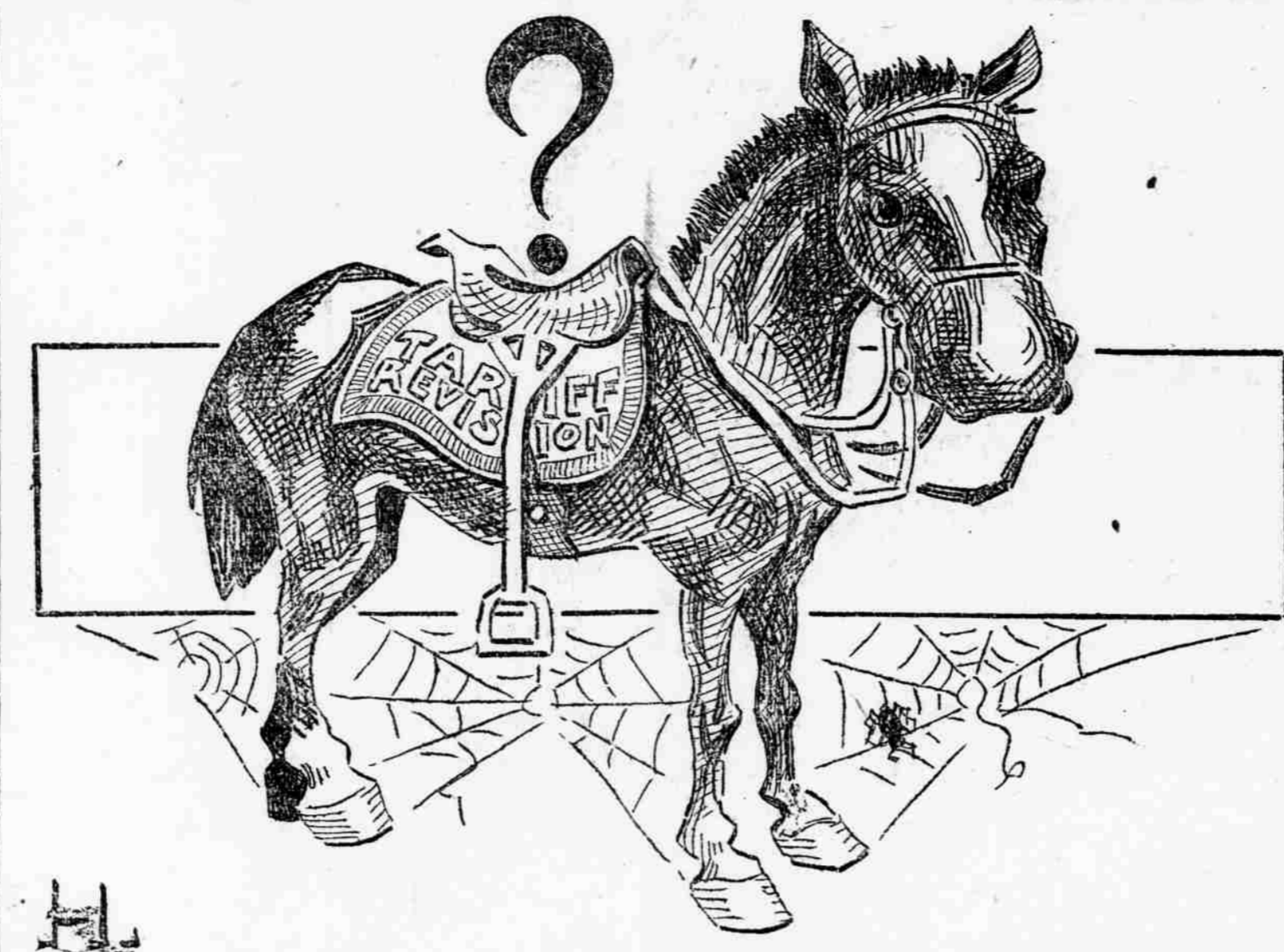
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R. E. Porter was discontinued at his own request. The work of the conference is moving smoothly and is making progress.



Conference at New Bern

Special to The News. New Bern, N. C., Dec. 5.—The second day's session of the Methodist conference met at 9:30 this morning with Bishop Galloway presiding. The religious service was conducted by the bishop.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. A number of the lay delegates who were not present yesterday were enrolled.

Judge Walter Neal introduced a resolution looking to better finances and was referred to a committee for action.

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Mrs. Glenn and Miss Rebekah accompanied Governor Glenn on his trip to Washington, where he delivers an address today before the National Congress for Inland Waterways.

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The institution is under the superintendency of Rev. Jno. N. Cole getting in excellent working order. An excellent sewerage system is being completed and other improvements added, the lack of which necessarily hampers a new institution for some years after it is opened.

Passengers All Injured. By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—The Atlantic express No. 8, east bound on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was wrecked just after it had left the union station.

The majority of the passengers on the two Pullman cars were injured, 13 so seriously as to require medical attention.

All Thrown to the Floor. The accident was peculiar and was miraculously free from fatalities. Six coaches passed over the switch safely, but two Pullman cars were thrown from the track directly against two express cars traveling west.

Every window in the Pullman car Geneva was broken and the impact was so terrific as to throw all passengers to the floor violently.

The wreck was caused by either a frozen switch or too hasty throwing of the switch, it is said, with the result that two Pullman cars were thrown from the tracks and were side-swiped by two express cars that were being shifted into the station.

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Capital City News Brief's

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Fierce Storm Off Coast Probably Wrought Widespread Damage

NEGRO GETS 18 MONTHS FOR KILLING ANOTHER

The Jury Finds Ell Alexander Guilty of Manslaughter for the Shooting of Joe Weddington at Country Festival Five Years Ago.

The jury in the case of Ell Alexander, the negro who was tried yesterday for the killing of Joe Weddington, another negro, at a festival in Sharon township about five years ago, returned a verdict this morning of guilty of manslaughter, and Alexander was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The trial of this case took all of yesterday, and went to the jury late in the afternoon.

Alexander, who bore a good reputation, went to the festival, where, elder, "spiked with wine" as one witness said, was sold, and a row was begun. Alexander, it seems, was trying to shoot one Will Pifer, and missed his aim and shot a by-stander in the person of Weddington.

Immediately after the shooting, the negro ran away, and was at large until last summer, when he was arrested in Lynchburg, Va., and was brought back here for trial.

There were a number of minor cases disposed of during the morning session.

R. E. Holder, submitted to a charge of assault and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Lawrence Roberts plead guilty to the charge of gaming and was made to pay the costs.

Alfred Hasty, for larceny, was given six months in jail and Lawson Murphy, for the same offense, was given 30 days in jail.

Arthur Calhoun, for larceny, was given six months in jail with the privilege of being hired out by the commissioners.

Will Jones plead guilty to the charge of retailing, and was taxed with the costs, and Sallie Talbert was given four months in jail for the same offense.

Jim Frazier was sentenced to 4 months on the roads for embezzling.

Jim Harris, a small negro boy, was given ten months in jail for larceny and John Davis, another small boy was given 6 months for carrying a pistol.

John Caston, for retailing, paid \$10 and the costs and Henry Sloan, who was tried on the same charge, came clear because it was shown to the jury that Sloan did not have quite two and a half gallons in his possession. Sloan got his whiskey back.

Grand Jury After Fair Authorities. The grand jury took up the matter of gambling and immorality at the last Mecklenburg county fair this morning.

About fifteen witnesses were examined, but no action has yet been taken.

At Cape Henry Wind Last Night Reached Velocity of 60 Miles an Hour--Telegraph Wires Blown Down.

The wind in last night's coast storm of 60 miles an hour. It blew from the northwest and drove seaward rather than toward the shore any vessels that may have been caught in its teeth, and no wrecks have been reported.

The wind at its hurricane velocity carried before it everything movable on shore and it is feared much havoc was wrought at sea.

The government seacoast wires from Cape Henry southward are not working and no word could be had from the Cape Hatteras section.

No word could be had from the Boston yacht Madelon, bound to Jacksonville and stranded in Roanoke Sound, N. C.

Several of the big battleships, headed for Hampton Roads from a northern port doubtless had a severe experience if caught within the radius of last night's gale.

The severity of the gale has caused some anxiety to be felt for the safety of the six little vessels of the torpedo flotilla, bound for San Juan en route to the Pacific, but with three days start the little vessels have gotten far enough away to escape the storm.

Episcopal Church Invites Huguenot Minister. Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5.—For the first time in this diocese, if not in this part of the world, a minister of another denomination will occupy the pulpit of an Episcopal church on Christmas day, and that church is one of the strictest and most orthodox in the country--Grace Episcopal church of Charleston.

The minister is the venerable Dr. Charles S. Vedder, for many years pastor of the Huguenot church of Charleston, the only church of its kind in the country.

At the recent general convention of the Episcopal church in Richmond a canon was adopted permitting the rector of which to invite a minister of another denomination to preach in an Episcopal church, when the invitation had the approval of the bishop of the diocese.

The rector of Grace church, Dr. William Way, soon after returning from the Richmond meeting, extended such an invitation to Dr. Vedder to preach in Grace church on Thanksgiving day but Dr. Vedder had a previous engagement and the invitation has been renewed for Christmas day and accepted. The invitation had the jurisdiction approval of Bishop Coakley Guerryin whose jurisdiction the matter immediately falls, and it also has the approval of Bishop Capers.

Motorman And Conductor Held For Manslaughter. Warrants were issued today for the arrest of Motorman A. L. Baker and Conductor Shuford, the crew in charge of the Elizabeth street car which ran down and killed Miss Allen, Kendall last Monday night. The warrants were served this morning and the trial of the men will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock before Squire Hilton, in the court house.

Gretna Green Marriage. Miss Ethel Robertson, a popular young girl of Seversville, and Mr. Lloyd Todd, of Dilworth, were married Tuesday and are spending the week at the Gem Hotel. The youthful couple went to South Carolina by the gretna green route. The groom holds a position with the Charlotte Steam Laundry.

Two Disastrous N. York Fires. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5.—One woman was killed and seven firemen were overcome as the result of two fires today. Mrs. Annie Linahan, aged 76, was burned to death in a five-story brick tenement in East 17th street. Thirty others were rescued from windows and fire escapes.

Illuminating gas nearly caused the death of seven firemen who were fighting the blaze in a store and office building in William street.

Taft Off for Berlin. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—Secretary Taft and party left for Berlin this morning.