

Failure of Big Bank Causes Apprehension Among Depositors

Birbeck Bank of Highholben Suspends With Total Liabilities of Over Forty Million Dollars—London Exchange not Seriously Affected

Statement From Directors Has Reassuring Effect Upon Depositors Who had Gathered About Closed Doors—May Not Lose Savings.

By Associated Press.

London, June 9.—The stock exchange was practically unaffected today by the suspension of the Birbeck Bank in Highholben yesterday with total liabilities of \$43,350,910. Consols opened at from 1-8 to 1-4 lower than yesterday, but quickly recovered to yesterday's close. Small knots of anxious depositors gathered about the bank since daybreak, but the crowd, when at its largest, was probably less than 1,000 persons. Pathetic scenes were witnessed in the neighborhood of the suspended institution all day. Many of the depositors were elderly men and women whose life savings were behind the closed doors.

An authoritative statement given out by the directors to the effect that the bulk of the deposits are amply secured had a reassuring effect and it is the general opinion in the city that the suspension will not be such a disaster as at first was feared.

Publishers Meet.

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., June 9.—The Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association will hold its annual convention at Louisville, Ky., June 13 and 14. All southern publishers now members of the association are urgently requested to be present and those publishers who are not members are cordially invited to attend and to become affiliated with the association.

Among the invited guests and speakers on the program will be Melville E. Stone, general manager of The Associated Press; George C. Hill, of the Indianapolis Star; a representative of the Southern Commercial Congress and representative of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and Col. Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Louisville newspaper men are leaving nothing undone to give the publishers a most enjoyable time socially and the meeting also promises to be of great benefit in a commercial sense. Your presence is respectfully requested. (Signed.) C. B. JOHNSON, President, S. N. P. A.

RUSSIAN STEAMER BURNS—SCORES OF PEOPLE DEAD.

By Associated Press. Blagoveshchensk, Asiatic Russia, June 9.—The Amur river steamer Muraviev Amurski was destroyed by fire last night. The passengers jumped into the river and scores of persons were drowned.

Home Mission Association.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, June 9.—Election of officers was the principal business of last night's session of the annual convention of the Congregational Home Mission Association, now meeting in this city. The officers elected are: S. H. Woodrow, D. D., Washington, president.

By Associated Press.

Fancy Goods Seized. San Francisco, June 9.—Oriental jewelry and embroideries valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000 were seized by customs officers on the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru, which arrived yesterday. Tong Lee and Fong Thung Quong, two Chinese who are said to have attempted to smuggle the goods from the steamer were arrested.

The President Returns.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 9.—President Taft arrived from New York this morning. Secretary Hill did not accompany him, having gone from New York to Dublin, N. H., for a week's stay with Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh at the latter's country home.

Forest Fires Raging.

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., June 9.—Forest fires blazing in Dragon Mountains, near Tombstone, Ariz., have been gaining headway since Sunday, despite efforts of a large force of forest rangers who have been fighting the blaze. Several miles of timber have been destroyed.

Report of Treaty Favorable.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 9.—The senate committee on foreign relations today decided to report favorably the treaty between Honduras and this country providing for a loan of ten million dollars from banking interests of the United States to meet the Honduran deficit. Of this amount \$7,500,000 is to be forthcoming at once. The Nicaragua treaty similar in import, has not yet been acted upon.

AMERICANS WIN ENGLISH PRIZES

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., June 9.—Americans divided honors in the coaching marathon which was run today in connection with the royal show at Richmond, which opened today.

Judge William H. Moore, of New York, took first prize for private coaches and Alfred G. Vanderbilt, of New York, secured first prize in the class for road coaches.

Nineteen competitors started from Hyde Park for the show grounds at Richmond. The entries included the best known coaches and teams in the United Kingdom, besides the American competitors.

At the horse show today, Judge Moore's "Memento Pride" secured second prize in the class for novice harness horses under fifteen hands high.

Says He Shot Miss Shaw

By Associated Press. Bangor, Me., June 9.—A confession that he had shot Miss Christine Shaw at Orono last night was made today, the police say, by T. S. Linn. He is a Chinese student at the University of Maine, who was arrested immediately after four revolver shots, one of which took effect, had been fired at the young woman on an Orono street.

At the hospital in this city to which she was taken, it was stated today that she would recover.

Linn is alleged to have told the sheriff in the presence of several newspaper men that he shot Miss Shaw because she had caused him "mental torture." He said he had known Miss Shaw, who is a graduate of the University of Maine and a teacher in the Orono high school, for four years, and two years ago asked her to marry him. She refused but they had been on friendly terms since that time.

Miss Shaw had done much to assist Linn in his work at the university, and from his statement today it was evident, the sheriff said, that he had misinterpreted her kindness.

MAN SHOT BY FRENCH MAID OF COVERING

By Associated Press. San Francisco, June 9.—The condition of C. Frederick Kohl, prominent capitalist and clubman, who was shot and dangerously wounded yesterday by Adele Verge, a French maid formerly in the employ of Mrs. Kohl, was slightly improved today. Kohl rested easily last night and it is thought he may recover. An effort to locate the bullet lodged in his breast by X ray examination will be made today.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE FELT IN MEXICO CITY

Mexico City, June 9.—A dispatch from Guadalupe Jarro dated the seventh and delayed by wire interruption caused by the earthquake says that the capital was shaken by a tremor lasting more than one minute.

TRY TO SETTLE FIREMEN'S TROUBLE

By Associated Press. Washington, June 9.—After having been in session continuously for three days with the firemen, the government mediators who are seeking to adjust the dispute between the Southern Railway and its firemen today began a conference with the railway officials.

Gen. Evans Offered Position.

Atlanta, Ga., June 9.—The Journal says today: General Clement A. Evans, of the state prison commission, has been tendered the position of adjutant general under Governor Hoke Smith and has accepted the appointment. He will succeed Adjutant General A. J. Scott. General Evans' successor on the prison board also has been selected. It is understood, but the announcement of his name has not been made.

Lady Decies Recovered.

New York, June 9.—Friends of Lady Decies, who was Miss Vivien Guld, learned today that she has practically recovered from her operation for appendicitis. She is taking daily drives in the London parks and will be able to take in the coronation festivities.

Spurt of Pig Tin.

London, June 9.—Pig tin spurted sharply today and reached \$233 for cash, beating all previous records.



ON THE WARPATH. Governor Harmon has declared war on Bryan and Woodrow Wilson.—News Item.

She Broke Up Beer Party

By Associated Press. Atchison, Kan., June 9.—With the use of a rifle and her strong arm, Mrs. Nille McGowan, a temperance advocate, broke up a picnic at which beer was being served near here last night.

Mrs. McGowan was passing the picnic grounds when one of the "keg party," knowing her temperance sentiments, chidingly invited her to have a drink. She accepted a cup of beer, intending to use it as evidence against the merry-makers.

One of the men said she would have to drink the beer or give it up. She answered by picking up a stone and striking the man over the eye with it. The man grimaced with her and in the struggle his face was scratched and his shirt torn.

Mrs. McGowan then secured a rifle and chased one of the party into the Missouri river, firing a shot at him but missing him. Finally she let the man swim ashore and apologize. His companions fled.

HELD YOUNG MAN UP AND ROBBED POSTOFFICE SAFE

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., June 9.—A dispatch from Newport, Tenn., says that at an early hour this morning, Guy Cate, aged 16, son of Judge N. H. Cate, of the court of civil appeals, was compelled to stand blindfolded while yeggmen blew up the Newport post office safe and got away with \$500 in money and stamps. The robbers left no clue.

Young Cate was returning from a social call shortly after midnight and in passing the post office building he was confronted by a tall stranger.

At the point of a pistol he was blindfolded and led into the rear of the post office and ordered to keep quiet. After the explosion and the departure of the robbers he gave the alarm.

The robbers are supposed to have caught a westbound freight train. They took every coin in the post office, even the pennies.

An Interesting Suit.

Chicago, June 9.—Police Inspector John Wheeler today swore out warrants charging conspiracy for two former members of the restricted district who had sued him in the civil courts of \$860, which they claimed had been paid for police protection.

To Form New Cabinet.

By Associated Press. Brussels, June 9.—M. De Broqueville, minister of railroads, posts and telegraphs, today accepted the commission to form a new cabinet in succession to the Schollaert ministry, which resigned yesterday in consequence of difficulties over the minister school bill pending in parliament.

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CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF A COAL CO.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, June 9.—The federal grand jury today continued its investigation into the affairs of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and the Mongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company, relative to the transfer of coal and coking properties, valued at \$17,800,000 to the H. C. Frick Coke Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, to ascertain whether there has been any attempt to create a monopoly in the coking industry. The transfer negotiations were officially approved late yesterday, notwithstanding the fact that the government probe had started by the hurried reassembling of the May grand jury.

E. J. Taylor, chief engineer of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, who was before the grand jury when adjournment was taken yesterday, was the first witness called today. He is likely to testify to the location of the coal concerned in the deal and to the supply of coking coal in the Pittsburgh district.

PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES

By Associated Press. Boston, June 9.—Three section meetings of the 28th annual Conference of Charities and Corrections were held here this forenoon. "Sex Hygiene" was the topic at the Ford Hall meeting, which was addressed by Dr. Richard C. Cabot, of Boston, Miss Laura B. Garrett, of New York; Dr. William Healey, of Chicago, and Mrs. Jessie D. Hodder, superintendent of the Massachusetts state reformatory for women.

Landed Passengers on Ice.

By Associated Press. Nome, Alaska, June 9.—Unable to find an open lead, the steamer Corwin, whose coming marked the opening of navigation in Behring Sea, landed her 102 passengers on the solid ice seven miles from shore yesterday. The passengers, four of whom were women, reached land safely.

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No Developments In Murder Case

Special to The News. Greensboro, June 9.—There have been but few later developments in the terrible double crime of murder and burglary at Jamestown yesterday when Mrs. Ida Hill was found dead in her room at the residence of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Ragsdale, of Jamestown, twelve miles distant from here. Every effort is being made to track or locate the murderer, but so far without results. The coroner's jury yesterday, after hearing witnesses as to the death, but have not yet rendered a verdict awaiting further developments in the atrocious crime.

Favorable Reply to Letter.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, June 9.—The Cincinnati Commercial Association today received letters from Senators Burton and Pomerehne, of Ohio, in response to telegrams asking them to vote for the Canadian reciprocity measure without amendments in which they state that is what they expect to do.

HOLLAND GETS HERO FUND.

By Associated Press. The Hague, June 9.—Andrew Carnegie, it was announced here today, had donated 500,000 florians (about \$205,000) for the establishment of a hero fund in Holland.

Lintless Cotton Plant.

By Associated Press. Bullochville, Ga., June 9.—J. J. Strahan, superintendent of the Cold Springs station of the United States department of fisheries at this place, has perfected, he says, through experiments carried on for the past four years, a practically lintless cotton plant.

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Six Persons Killed In Wreck

By Associated Press. Albuquerque, N. M., June 9.—Six persons are reported to have been killed in the wreck of Santa Fe passenger train No. 3, known as the California limited and the fastest train on the Santa Fe system, near Domingo, 30 miles north, today. A large number injured are also reported.

Killed Father Then Himself

By Associated Press. Macon, Ga., June 9.—After killing his father, Tom Davis, a mechanic, by splitting his skull with a hatchet while the old man slept, George Davis, a constable, last night rode to his home on the Thomaston road, 13 miles from Macon, and committed suicide by drinking a mixture of carbolic acid and laudanum. He left a note to his wife stating that "there is nothing in life for me now and I am going to take this way of ending it all."

Honible Crime Is Revealed

By Associated Press. Portland, Ore., June 9.—The bodies of a man named Hill, his wife and his two children, were found today in the Hill home at Ardenwald, a suburb of this city.

Debate Wool Schedule.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 9.—Debate on the wool tariff revision bill was resumed today in the house. Representative Hill, of Tennessee, declared that he believed the passage of the measure "would break the backbone of republican protection." He said that while he believed in free wool, some duty was necessary at this time to prevent a treasury deficit.

SPANAIN MUST PRESERVE ORDER IN MOROCCO

By Associated Press. Madrid, June 9.—Premier Canalejas informed the chamber of deputies last night that Spain's projected military operations at El Araish, Morocco, were not consistent with the treaty of Algceiras or other agreements.

It was necessary, he said, for Spain to restore and preserve order in that part of Morocco.

France Concerned.

Paris, June 9.—The French government is concerned over Spanish activities in Morocco, especially at a time when France, having attained the relief of Fez, intends to withdraw her troops after reorganizing the Sultan's army and having accomplished the pacification of the country.

Spain, seemingly, is determined to extend her zone in Morocco, which is now limited to Melilla and Ceuta and their environs.

Mr. Geoffray, the French ambassador at Madrid, is representing to the Spanish government the untimeliness of further military enterprise in the troubled sultry atmosphere of the confidence of the powers in the maintenance of Moroccan unity, since some power might declare that Morocco is being dismembered and so the powers were no longer bound by the Algceiras agreement, but each free to act according to its own interests in reference to Morocco.

The power naturally in mind which might take such representations is Germany. The German note which was reported as being sent to France calling attention to the limitations of the Algceiras agreement, apparently has not been received here.

Coal Porters Strike.

By Associated Press. Southampton, June 9.—A strike of coal porters broke out here today. The American line steamer St. Paul, scheduled to sail for New York tomorrow, will be delayed and the mammoth White Star liner Olympic is having difficulty in obtaining a crew. A whole fleet of ships chartered by the government and others for the naval review are lying off the port unable to take on coal.

Vice-President of Mammoth Steel Corporation Appears Before Stanley Investigation Committee Today-Gave Important Information.

Washington, June 9.—James Gayley, former vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation, was interrogated today by the Stanley steel trust committee on inquiry. Mr. Gayley, whom Mr. Gary told the committee was a practical steel man, gave information on many technical matters relating to the steel business. Mr. Gayley was formerly in the Carnegie Steel Company.

Was Formerly With Carnegie Steel Company And Gave History of That Co.—Told of Periods of "Destructive Competition."

Mr. Gayley, questioned by Representative Young, of Michigan, gave the history of the Carnegie Steel Co. from 1855 to 1901, when the steel corporation was formed. He mentioned periods of "destructive competition" and described new methods of manufacturing steel, dwelling upon their effect in advancing the values of steel properties.

Asked as to the price of rails in the early period, Mr. Gayley declared that the price usually was fixed in conference with railroad officials, chiefly those of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

"Were there any agreements as to prices in those days?" asked Mr. Young.

"In those days all the steel companies were independent," said Mr. Gayley, "and there were periods of war so destructive that agreements were necessary in order for all to recoup. Then would come other destructive wars. Agreements were necessary from time to time, or ultimately one company would have secured a monopoly of the business."

Mr. Gayley said he had no personal knowledge that Andrew Carnegie had threatened to build a tube mill at Conneaut, O., for the purpose of forcing the Morgan interests to buy out the plant, as charged by Mr. Gates.

The Carnegie Company had purchased land at Conneaut, he said, for the location of a new plant, but it was not determined whether a tube works or a wire mill would be erected. The purpose of building either, he said, would have been to furnish an outlet for the steel of the Carnegie works near Pittsburgh, which steel had formerly been taken by the National Tube Company, a Morgan enterprise.

"It was a rumor," said Representative Young, of Michigan, "that Mr. Carnegie's proposal to build a tube mill was not in good faith; that it was really a threat to aid him in acquiring other property or to force others to buy him out. Do you know the facts?"

"There was no proposal to any one," Mr. Gayley said, "and there was certainly no threat to build a tube mill. The Carnegie Company went ahead to carry out plans it had determined upon; but it had never been decided whether a tube mill or a wire mill would be constructed."

Mr. Gayley was asked if any additions had been made to the Carnegie Steel Company's property after it had been appraised at a bank at a value of \$76,000,000 and before it was sold to the steel corporation for nearly \$500,000,000.

"The company was always building and expanding its works and acquiring more property," he replied.

Percival Roberts, Jr., a director of the U. S. Steel Corporation, was a witness before the committee after the noon adjournment.

MAN TELLS OF THE QUAKE IN REGION OF COLIMA.

By Associated Press. Tuxpan, Jalisco, Mexico, June 9.—Blas Ruiz, a merchant, is the first person to arrive from Colima, the region said to have suffered the greatest shock from the earthquake. He reports the railroad blocked by landslides but there were only two or three victims at Colima. The roof of the cathedral and of the church of La Metcede fell.

Call for Bank Statement.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 9.—Troller of the currency to call for a statement of all national banks business Wednesday.