

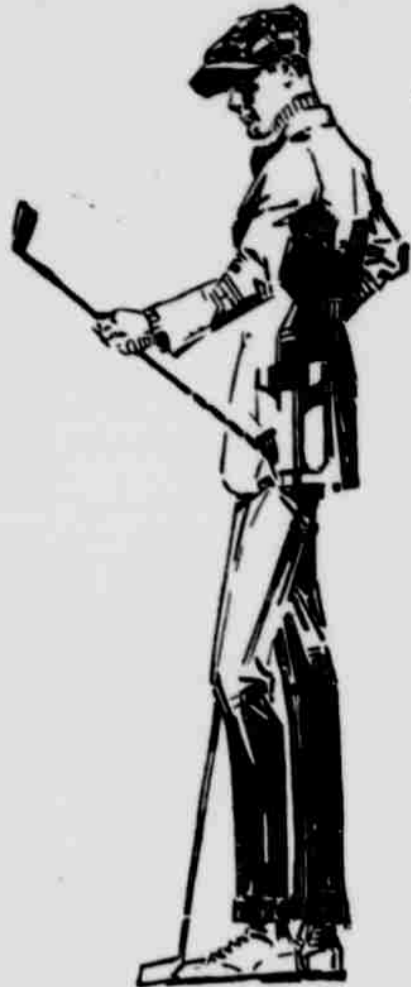
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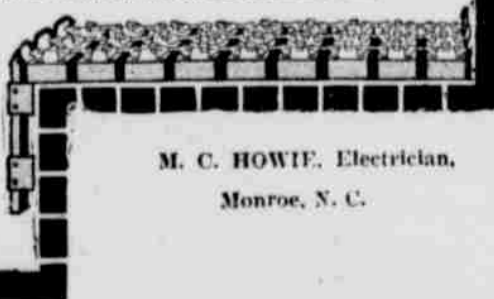
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NOVUS HOMO IS STUMPED.

Can't See How Resources of the National Banks Can be Four Times the Amount of the Circulating Medium.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Some months ago we were hearing a good deal about the "money trust." Recently we have not heard so much about it. What has become of it? Has it been busted?

It seems to me that when this agitation against the money trust was at its height it was charged by those fighting it that "it was the greatest trust of them all," and until it was tamed and bridled there was no use to hope for any effective relief from the oppressive trust monopoly.

If this taming and bridling has been accomplished, where is the beast putting up, and can anybody ride him yet?

I noticed right recently that there was a rapid increase in the resources of the National banks. Comptroller Williams announced that the increase from March 7th to May 1st amounted to two hundred and fifty-six million dollars, and that this increase pushed the total up to MORE than fourteen billion dollars.

Now, in the face of the fact that there is only thirty-seven dollars per capita for each of the hundred million inhabitants of these United States, and this thirty-seven dollars multiplied by the number of inhabitants only amounts to three billion seven hundred million. How can our National banks possess resources to the amount of fourteen billion, nearly four times the total amount of circulating medium we have?

I confess that this is a problem beyond my powers of comprehension, but it's a problem nevertheless, that seems to me to need some explanation.

How can banks possess FOUR dollars when there is only ONE dollar to be possessed?

Is THREE of these four dollars spurious? and is labor paying dividends on four dollars, when there is only ONE dollar serving it? If so, then there must be a money trust.

Mr. Alexander, president of the Farmers' Union of North Carolina, raised a kick on the rural credits measure passed by the recent congress on the ground that the bill did not provide for any increase of "real money," but only for what he termed "credit money." That is, the present per capita circulating medium would not be increased to the people. But the power of the banks handling this business would be increased to long dividends. In other words, the people would be required to pay dividends on the amounts represented by the "land bonds" while the money with which to pay these increased dividends had not been increasing one cent.

This is on a par with Mr. Zeb Green's charge that dealers in commercial fertilizers draw twenty, or more, per cent dividends on nothing. He says they buy the stuff on credit, pay for it after the farmer who used it pays them and deduct their time price commissions just as though they had invested some good hard cash in the business.

No wonder labor is calling for bread. The call is generally answered with a stone, and if it calls for fish, it is more than likely they get a scorpion.

But back to the bank question. Can anybody tell us why or how, bank resources can be four times as big as the money that makes up these resources?

I have sometimes wondered how many men borrow the same hundred dollars. Maybe there are four who do. If so, then the explanation is easy.

We will begin with A and let him go to his banker and give him ten dollars for the privilege of checking out ninety—Borrower says this is the way they work it. Now what is to hinder B from coming along and paying ten dollars more for the privilege of checking on this same hundred dollars? It's still there, and if the dividend drawing power of the banks are four times as great as the total money of the Nation would justify, how else could the trick be worked?

If then, this is the way things are going, is it any wonder why depositors sometimes have to put up with twenty-five cents on the dollar of their deposits when the institution "busts"?

Is this the safest and soundest plan of operation our financiers can devise? If it is, why not let some who are not such gifted money handlers try their hands at the business?

Looks to me like somebody is going to get badly hurt when the present regime runs its course. Better call a halt before it strikes bottom. Maybe, though, everybody engaged in the scheme expects to be winners. If so, who is going to pay the piper?

If I have bitten off more than I can chew in this article, I hope some one more gifted unraveler of ticklish tangles will chew it for me. I am seeking information.—Novus Homo.

Four More Columbus Raiders Are Hanged.

Deming (N.M.) Dispatch, June 30.

Four Villa bandits who participated in the Columbus raid, were hanged in the county jail here today. They were hanged in pairs, Ensevio Renteria and Taurina Garcia being put to death first and then Jose Rangel and Juan Castillo.

The men were calm. None would make any statement except Garcia, who exclaimed as he was led to the execution: "I hope God will forgive my enemies."

This completes the disposition of the cases of the Columbus raiders.

Probably a sympathetic tear comes as near being a panacea for all feminine troubles as anything on the market.

Mourning For Huerta.

New York World.

"I we had recognized Huerta this trouble would not have happened."

Such was the remark of Henry Lane Wilson at the conclusion of a long discussion of the Mexican situation with Mr. Hughes. Such has been the tenor of everything that Mr. Hughes has had to say upon the one feature of our foreign relations on which he speaks with vigor. Such is the plaint of Big Business, the ranch-owners, the holders of concessions and all the jingoes.

Henry Lane Wilson was President Taft's Ambassador to Mexico when Huerta betrayed President Madero and seized dictatorial powers. It was for Huerta's benefit that Madero was murdered. It was to confirm and perpetuate Huerta's usurpation that the Mexican Congress was imprisoned and the judges of Mexican courts were dispersed.

There has been no change in Henry Lane Wilson. He boasts today, as he did in Mr. Taft's time, of his admiration for Huerta, the tyrant. He is as contemptuous now as then of the constitutional president who was shot in the back. He was critical of Mr. Taft because he did not recognize Huerta, and he has been criticizing President Wilson ever since because in that respect he has followed the example of his predecessor.

While there are many who mourn for Huerta, Henry Lane Wilson is the most inconsolable of all the sorrowing throng. He not only lost an intimate friend when Huerta passed away; he also lost an Ambassadorship used as no such office had often been used before—in partisan activities which did much to promote ill-feeling between Mexico and the United States.

We are well accustomed to Henry Lane Wilson's grief and may easily ignore it. What concerns the American people at this moment is the more restrained woe of Charles E. Hughes, the on-to-Mexico Republican jingo press, the gluttonous interests that are so friendly to every scheme of exploitation and annexation, and, lastly, the paid agents of the Kaiser in this country. Here is grief of that deep-seated variety which ought to melt a heart of stone.

Huerta died in the custody of the United States with German money in his pockets, an offender against our laws. Let us suppose that he had been recognized as the lawful Mexican despot when he set up his murderous rule in 1913. He would have been an amiable neighbor in 1915 and 1916, would he not, when we were in the sharpest of controversies with his patron, the Kaiser?

There is the Monroe Doctrine for which practically every American professes a willingness to fight. That

principle, simply stated, forbids the extension by European monarchies of their royal systems to this hemisphere. Would a little King or Emperor or Prince in Ecuador or Nicaragua or Bolivia be more a menace to our liberties than a red-handed despot next door in Mexico?

Questions as to Mexico may determine the result of the Presidential election. They epitomize most of the issues raised elsewhere, such as Americanism, democracy, monopoly, privilege, preparedness, and the intrigues of aliens hostile to the Government of the United States. Let all those Republicans, therefore, whose hearts are breaking for Huerta be as sincere as Henry Lane Wilson and wear their grief upon their sleeves so that identification may be easy and certain.

Commissioners Order Anti-Typhoid Vaccination.

Yesterday the county commissioners made the appropriation necessary for an anti-typhoid fever campaign. This step was made on the unanimous recommendation of the county board of health. The campaign will be conducted by the State board of health and will begin in a few days, just as soon as the arrangements can be made. The treatment will be furnished at convenient points in the county and is entirely free.

It will mean the saving of many valuable lives in Union county and the board of health and the commissioners are to be commended for their step.

Didn't Come to Fall In.

Ladies' Home Journal.

A boy fell into a pond, and when a man who was passing pulled him out, he said to the boy:

"Well, son, how did you come to fall into the lake?"

"I didn't come to fall in at all," replied the boy with some heat, "I came to fish."

Wrongless is the advice of fools.—Latin.

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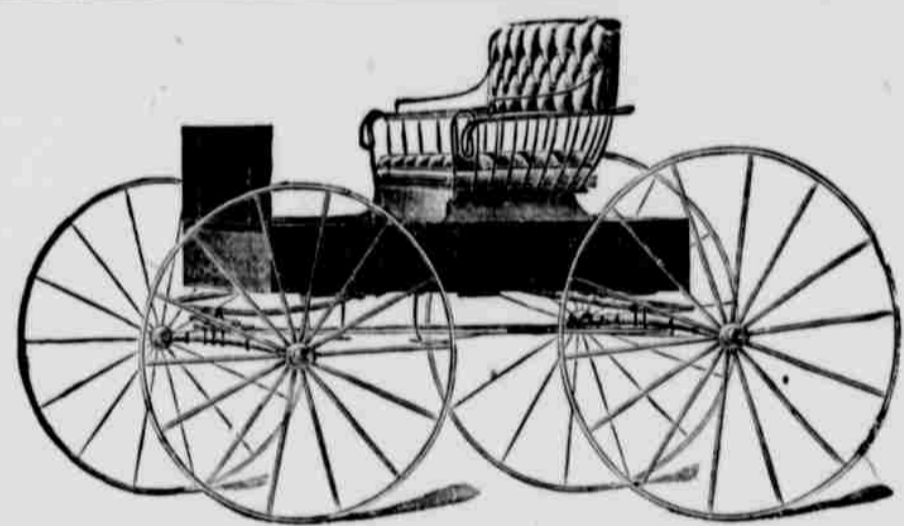
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