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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN FINANCIAL FLURRY

\$20,000,000 More of Govm't Money Turned Loose by Sec. of Treasury

BIG RAID TODAY ON TRUST CO. OF AMERICA

The immense coffers of the Great Bank Opened Up \$11,000,000 This Morning to Meet the Demands—State Banking Department Takes Charge of the Knickerbocker Bank, Which Was Forced to Suspend Payment by the Raid Yesterday—Secretary Cortelyou, J. Pierpont Morgan and Other Great Financiers in Protracted Conference—President of Clearing House Says All Gamblers Must Retire from the Banks and Trust Companies in New York.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—The scenes of yesterday were reproduced in the financial district this morning. Up to noon it was not known whether the Trust Company of America, on which a run began today, would successfully weather the storm. The institutions seem to be receiving more assistance from the outside than had been expected to the Knickerbocker, but it could not be learned at this writing whether this would suffice to meet the demands of depositors. On the heels of the fresh troubles in the local banking situation came the news that a prominent Pittsburgh institution was embarrassed and that this would necessitate the temporary suspension or receivership for the Westinghouse Electric Company and its allied concerns. In sympathy with this General Electric dropped over 13 points, completing a decline of 20 points within two days. In the general list prices broke violently at the opening, recovered and held fairly steady for a time and then went to pieces again, touching new low records for the railroads and most of the industrials.

High Price of Call Money.

Call money opened at 40 per cent and by noon had risen to 60, the treasury relief measure counting for little beside the withholding of lendable money supplies the reflective of a panic feeling.

The Rush of Depositors Continues.

New York, Oct. 23.—The state banking department has taken charge of the Knickerbocker Trust Company and it is announced the doors of that institution will not open.

The latest developments in the banking crisis in New York are: Attorney General Jackson is here and will decide today whether to ask for a receivership for the Knickerbocker Trust Company.

A. Foster Higgins, now president of the Knickerbocker, announced after a conference with his fellow banking heads that further aid had been refused this company. A director of the company said the bank would not open its doors today. It was rumored that Thomas F. Ryan had been asked to resign as director in the Morton Trust Company. Levi P. Morton, veteran president of that company, entered a vigorous denial. A considerable number of depositors withdrew funds from the Ryan bank just before closing yesterday; \$100,000 was paid out in 45 minutes.

A conference of bankers at the Hotel Manhattan, who had been appealed to by promoters of the trust companies, decided at an early hour this morning to assist the Trust Company of America if found necessary and to consider future applications of other companies if made. Oakleigh Thorne is president of the company.

George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, came from Washington last night and at the Manhattan Hotel told a group of financiers that he had arranged to release more than \$20,000,000 of government money, including the \$6,000,000 announced yesterday, to relieve the local situation.

Gamblers Must Get Out of the Banks

William A. Nash, president of the New York clearing house, declared that all gamblers and "high financiers" must get out of the banks and trust companies of the city.

Big Rush of Depositors, But Plenty of Money.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—A thousand (Continued on Second Page.)

PUT BLAME ON THE PRESIDENT

Say Officials of the Bursted Knickerbocker Bank

IF DISASTER FOLLOWS

Fourth Vice-President Turnbull Says a Certain Man Occupying Exalted Official Station is Responsible for the Lack of Confidence Which Has Shaken Credit in New York Financial Circles—Attention Now Fixed On Morton and American Companies.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—In the height of the excitement attending the run on the Fifth Avenue main office of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, William Turnbull, fourth vice president of the company, told the reporters what, in his belief, was the cause of the sudden alarm of the Knickerbocker's depositors and what was the underlying explanation for the break in credit that appeared on Wall street yesterday.

"Last night we had every confidence in the institution," said Turnbull. "We knew that the Trust Company's assets were way above its liabilities, and we could not foresee that today's trouble would come. But just over night that delicate thing in the business world—public confidence—was shaken, and we came down to work this morning to find that our credit was doubted by the depositors, and that we had a run on our hands. This is the inevitable end of what has been in progress for months. There is a man high in authority in this country who does not know the meaning of credit, and who has consistently done all that he could to destroy this delicate constituent of legitimate business method.

"If disaster follows this initial break and any one wants to learn the fundamental cause of the trouble, let him go back over the last six months and read the speeches of this man." One of the reporters asked Mr. Turnbull whether he was referring to President Roosevelt. "You know perfectly well who I mean," replied Mr. Turnbull. "There is no need for me to specify." The Knickerbocker will not reopen its doors. An all-night conference came to that decision.

The Morton and Trust Companies of America Under Suspicion.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—With the announcement made early today by a director of the Knickerbocker Trust Company after all night conferences that the company would not again open its doors in its present form, interest in Wall street was switched largely to the Trust Company of America and the Morton Trust Company.

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, who came from Washington last night, held at the Hotel Manhattan a conference lasting far into the night. This conference was attended by members of the Morgan firm, J. P. Morgan himself presiding in the deliberations for several hours. President Thorne of the Trust Company of America, and George W. Perkins, after the conference, admitted that the condition of that concern was causing anxiety, but they said that investigation had been made for all the cash that deemed necessary and that the day would pass without disaster. The Morton Trust Company, of which Thomas Fortune Ryan is the dominating figure, although former Vice-President Levi P. Morton is its president, is also being keenly watched today.

Depositors demanded and received \$100,000 from the Morton Trust Company in the last forty-five minutes of business yesterday. Rumors were rife that Thomas F. Ryan had been asked to resign from the company and it was said in some quarters that his resignation had actually been placed in the hands of the directors shortly after the exposure that was made by L. E. Quigg before the public utilities board.

The rumors were emphatically denied by Levi P. Morton, president of the Ryan Company, who said: "The story in circulation that Mr. Ryan has resigned or intends to resign as vice president of the Morton Trust Company is pure invention. Mr. Ryan has not resigned and has no intention of doing so. It has never been discussed or even suggested."

Mr. Ryan made many trips from his office in the Morton Trust Company to the office of Valentine P. Snyder, president of the National Bank of (Continued on Page Seven.)

J. P. MORGAN'S ATTITUDE IN THIS CRISIS

The Greatest of All the Big Financiers Has Got Wall Street to Guessing—Why Did He Refuse the Five Million to Aid the Knickerbocker at the Last Moment is a Puzzle.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—J. Pierpont Morgan's attitude in the present crisis is a puzzle to Wall street. After making a tacit pledge that he would provide \$5,000,000 to aid the Knickerbocker Trust Company in its extremity, it is asserted that he failed to make the promise good and it was largely due to his failure that the



company had to close its doors. The Morgan firm was driven out of the open use of the vast funds of the New York Life Insurance Company by the investigation that was brought out through the Harriman use of the Equitable Company's funds and Wall street has a story that Morgan is about to take advantage of the present opportunity to even the account with Harriman and the Standard Oil crowd.

Whatever may be his purpose, it is known that he has been buying vast blocks of Illinois Central which Stuyvesant Fish has been trying to wrest out of the Harriman control in the last few days and that his brokers have also been active in gobbling up every share of Union Pacific that has been offered. \$1,500,000 Check Closed the Window. It developed today that it was the presentation of the check for \$1,500,000 in favor of the Hanover National Bank that precipitated the suspension of the Knickerbocker Trust Company.

A bank messenger with his check had been waiting in line at the downtown office at No. 66 Broadway. When he finally reached the paying teller's window he handed in the check. There was a breathless delay and then the money was counted out to him. He had not finished packing it in his valise when the paying teller closed the window with a final bang. There was still some cash left in the paying teller's cage but it obviously was insufficient to satisfy the demands of the long line of depositors and more money was not forthcoming.

GORILLA NEGRO LYNCHED IN MISSISSIPPI

He Made a Practice of Calling Up Young Ladies Over the Phone and Sending Insulting Messages to Them—Caught in Act, He Escapes From Police—Mob Caught Him and Shot Him to Death. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Van Vleet, Miss., Oct. 23.—Henry Sykes, a negro, was lynched here by a small crowd of men thought to hail from Okolona. Sykes, who was a recent arrival from Indiana, was accused of calling up white girls in Okolona on the telephone and annoying them. The town authorities used a decoy message to get Sykes there, but before he could be taken he had escaped. An all night chase ended when the posse captured the negro after a brief fight in which shots were exchanged.

Miss Alice L. Stanton Smith



IN SUPERIOR COURT TODAY

Big Civil Case on This Afternoon

TWO CASES CONTINUED

Verdict Reached in Case of Hart-Ward Hardware Company, but Decision Has Not Been Rendered. W. L. Watson, Trustee, vs. Proximity Manufacturing Company—Other Cases.

In superior court this morning the case of David Henry Harris vs. John H. Love was continued for the plaintiff. The case of W. R. Perry, executor of S. D. Perry, vs. the Seaboard Air Line for the killing of S. D. Perry, a trainman, was also continued.

This afternoon the case of Walter L. Watson, trustee of the late W. W. Mills, vs. The Proximity Manufacturing Company, is being heard. As trustee Mr. Watson is demanding the payment of \$22,000, and the Proximity Company denies that it owes the sum, setting up a counter claim of \$23,000. Messrs. W. C. Douglass, R. N. Stimms and Robert Strong appear for the trustee, while Messrs. Pou & Fuller represent the Proximity Manufacturing Company.

The case of Sarah A. Walker et al., colored, vs. Ella Taylor, colored, over the rental of a house, was given to the jury at 1 this afternoon. The case involves some nine points of law, and after the Wake, superior court gets through with it, will probably go up to the supreme court. This matter has been in the courts before, a general feature of it having been in the supreme court.

In the case of the Hart-Ward Hardware Company through the corporation commission against the Southern Railway Company for delay in the delivery of freight, the jury returned a verdict at 5 o'clock last evening. The jury found that the plaintiff sent every day for freight, but was negligent about it. Judge Long has not rendered a decision in this case. The issues and answers are: 1. Did the consignee send for and request of the defendant the delivery of the contents of the car, every day after notification until they were delivered? Answer: "Yes." 2. Was the consignee diligent in trying to get his freight? Answer: "No." 3. Did the defendant's delivery clerk (Continued on Second Page.)

ALL AIRSHIP RECORDS SMASHED THIS TIME

THORNE SELLS CENTRAL OF GA.

Question of Who Will Now Control Road

HARRIMAN GET IT?

It is Thought Likely That the Big Western Railroad Magnate May Have Secured Controlling Interest in Important Southern Road—The Row Amongst the Bondholders—Harriman's Retention of Central Will Depend on Illinois Central.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America, has sold the control of the Central of Georgia Railway which he purchased jointly with Maraden J. Perry, of Providence, last July.

Confirming his sale of the property, he said that it had not been made to Rock Island interests. Mr. Thorne would not give further particulars of the deal, therefore it is not unlikely that the Central of Georgia may have been sold to Harriman interests for the account of the Illinois Central, as this is the only large system, except the Rock Island system which, from a geographical point of view, could be the property to advantage. If Mr. Harriman has taken over the property and should lose his fight for control of the Illinois Central he would probably be anxious to get rid of it as soon as possible.

The Illinois Central will within a few weeks have a new line into Birmingham, Ala., where it could make connections with the Central of Georgia, giving it an Atlantic coast terminal at Savannah. The Rock Island could tap the Central of Georgia at Birmingham through its St. Louis & San Francisco line running there from Kansas City.

Only recently there has been a row in the Central of Georgia caused by a protest of the preferred income bondholders, who declared that a power system of book-keeping would show that the full five per cent dividend could be paid to the holders of the first, second and third preferred bonds. A number of conferences were held in this city between the bondholders' committee and Mr. Thorne, Maraden J. Perry and President J. F. Hanson. It was finally decided that the full five per cent should be paid to the holders of the first preferred bonds something over 3 per cent to the second preferred holders, while the third preferred bonds should get no dividend.

WARNING TO AMERICAN ANGLICANS BIG DAMAGES BUT RIGHTEOUS VERDICT GIVEN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—On the Kaiser Wilhelm II, which arrived today were the Duchess of Marlborough and Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr. The Duchess looked hale and cheery as she descended the gang plank, and if she retains and resentment toward the duke, from whom she was recently separated, she did not show it.

The Duchess left immediately for Oakdale, L. I., where she spent her childhood. After staying there for a time she will go to Brookholt, the country home of her mother, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, in Hempstead. From there she will go to the country place of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. This is the first visit the Duchess has paid to her native land since 1905, when she visited her mother and old friends in Newport and Hopedale and witnessed the Vanderbilt cup auto races. Her present visit is intended to be definite. Custody of her two sons, the Marquis of Blandford and Lord Ivor Churchill, remains with the mother, under the separation agreement by which William K. Vanderbilt pays the duke \$10,000 a year.

Result of Balloon Contest of Nations

MARVELOUS FEAT OF THE GERMAN SHIP

More Than One Thousand Miles Made By the Pommeren When It Landed Today at Ashbury Park. After Sailing 18 Hours and Crossing Great Heights—The "United States" Ship Landed With 650 Miles to Its Credit—Record and Movements of the Other Balloons Today in Greatest Aerial Contest Ever Pulled Off.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—The German balloon Pommeren with sky-pilot Oscar Erbsoeh, landed today within a few yards of the Atlantic ocean at Bradley Beach, Ashbury Park. It sailed a few minutes after 4 o'clock Monday afternoon from St. Louis in the international balloon contest and landed at five minutes after 10 o'clock in the yards of Steinlers & Son, night shirt factory at Bradley Beach. It is believed that this establishes the record for a balloon flight, even exceeding the flight made by the French balloon from Paris into Russia. The distance in a straight line from St. Louis to where the Pommeren came down is more than a thousand miles. The Pommeren came very near carrying its passengers, Pilot Erbsoeh and Aid Henry H. Clayton, into the ocean before it was successfully landed. They first tried to land back of Bradley Beach, a half mile from the ocean, but as they came down the air was so light that they were forced to land on the beach. The Pommeren sailed for several miles.

The French balloon Arjou, according to a report received by Philadelphia landed at Little Creek, Dover, Del., shortly after 9 o'clock. Two other balloons passed over Philadelphia about the same time.

News of the Other Airships.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23.—Each of the nine balloons in the international long distance race that began at the Aero Club grounds bids fair to eclipse the record of 402 miles that Lieutenant Lahm made when he won the cup in the first contest in "Europe a year ago. Frequent messages to the club officials today showed that most of the balloonists, although greatly separated by variable winds, are maintaining a gallant contest.

The first aeronaut to land was Maj. Hersey of the weather bureau, who brought his mammoth airship, the United States, to the ground near Hamilton, Ontario, after a flight of more than 650 miles across Illinois and Lake Michigan. The apparent leader in the race, however, is an unidentified balloon that was sighted passing over Alpena, Mich., on the western shore of Lake Huron, 717 miles from the starting point.

The last of the British contestants, the America, the Dusseldorf, the St. Louis and the Abercorn, Paul McCarty, the little craft, form the last of the race. McCoy's America, which was started from New York, is expected to land at Erie, Pa. A message from the Philadelphia office says that the American is approximately 60 miles from St. Louis and a considerable distance from Lake Erie. The message referring to their descent is construed here as meaning that the big army balloon that made a 450 mile record test trip last week has met with some mishap.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 23.—A balloon sailing about 500 feet from the ground passed over the Americus mines, thirty miles north of this city at 7:35 this morning, traveling in a northeast direction. A large figure eight on the balloon was easily distinguished, as well as two passengers in the car. Wilmington, Del., Oct. 23.—A balloon bearing the French flag passed over the center of the city at 9 a. m. It is about 2,000 feet in the air.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 23.—The English balloon Lotus II was sighted passing over Cream Ridge, twenty-five miles southwest of here, at 9 o'clock. The course was northeasterly.

The "St. Louis" Made Fine Record.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 23.—The American balloon St. Louis, with Allan B. Hawley and Augustus Post, landed at 9:40 a. m. at Westminster, Md. Pilot Hawley sent a dispatch saying both were well after a most successful voyage. Proximity of the ocean (Continued on Second Page.)