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"I WISH TO GOD I COULD TELL"

Oakley Thorne on the Business Situation

A 17-HOUR CONFERENCE

At 5 O'clock This Morning a Conference of Bankers at J. P. Morgan's Home Adjourned After Being in Session All Since Noon Sunday—Affairs of the Lincoln Trust Co. and the Trust Company of America Under Consideration—Men of Great Wealth to Put Them On Their Feet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Nov. 4.—The most remarkable series of conferences ever indulged in by the bankers of New York came to an end shortly after 5 o'clock this morning when less than a dozen men who had been in almost continuous session at the home of J. Pierpont Morgan for seventeen hours left and went to their homes in automobiles and other conveyances that had been standing in the vicinity of the Morgan residence in east Thirty-sixth street 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when the bankers began to assemble.

The conference was a triangular affair, for during all the hours that the bankers were at the home of Mr. Morgan, the officers and members of the board of directors of both the Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Company were in session in different parlors of the Waldorf-Astoria.

That the meetings were related was established early by the fact that committees from one meeting at frequent intervals called upon another.

It is impossible to state the result of the conference but it is pretty sure that there will be an early date—probably today—for an announcement made that new influences will dominate the boards of the two trust companies.

These two institutions—the Lincoln Trust Company and the Trust Company of America—have been under fire now for nearly two weeks and they have stood a succession of runs that have only served to demonstrate their strength.

But it is said that there has been dissatisfaction with the delay in settling the accounts of banks and some of the interests that have been standing back of the companies have determined of withdrawal. In consequence of this, it was decided to strengthen the boards of directors, and in order to accomplish that the all day and night conferences were necessary, as the directors of the two companies were averse to having action taken that seems to thrust them into the background.

The new influences that will control the two institutions are said to be J. Pierpont Morgan and the First National Bank, back of the Trust Company and John D. Rockefeller and the men who control the Standard Oil Company, with the National City Bank at their back, will dominate the board of the Lincoln Trust Company.

It was rumored also that the Astor Trust Company, which is an institution with strong Morgan affiliations, would take over both of the institutions that have been the subject of discussion.

Among the men in Mr. Morgan's gallery were George B. Sheldon, John E. Bourne, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., George W. Perkins, Marsden J. Ferris, Oakley Thorne, the president of the Trust Company of America; Thomas F. Ryan, Grant D. Schley, E. M. Morgan, Frank A. Vanderbilt, James Sullivan, James Sullivan and others of equal prominence.

Oakley Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America, was manifestly worried about the situation and in reply to a question at 3 o'clock this morning said:

"I wish to God I could tell what is going to happen."

Lincoln and American Banks Open.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Nov. 4.—The Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Company opened their doors promptly at 10 o'clock today and resumed paying off depositors. At the Lincoln Trust Company there were 150 persons in line and at the main office in Wall street of the Trust Company of America there were only sixty, while at the Colonial Trust Company, a branch of the Trust Company of America, there were only thirty. The first man to be admitted at the main office was a bank messenger, who had sixty checks to be cashed. It was believed that it would take the bank most of the day to pay off this one man.

Morgan O'Brien, counsel for the Trust Company of America, hurried into the bank early after having been up all of yesterday and last night, but neither he nor any officer of the bank would make a statement. The same reticence was apparent at the Lincoln Trust Company, except that Director Louis Stern declared that the bank (Continued on Second Page.)

BOLD MEASURES OF LEGISLATION

John Sharp Analyzes President's Intentions

NOT AN EXTRA SESSION

Congressman Williams Says There is No Need and No Real Prospect of Extra Session of Congress—That Reports of Extra Session Are Part of a Plan to Prepare the Public for Some Bold Measures of Legislation Which He Will Urge at Regular Session.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—The publication of reports to the effect that the president is being urged to call an extra session of congress to deal with the financial situation, that he will urge amendments to the bankrupt laws and also a national incorporation law, as set forth in his Proclamation speech, is an attempt on the part of the president to prepare the public mind for some very bold measures of departure in legislation, according to Representative John Sharp Williams, the senator-elect from Mississippi and the leader of his party in the house.

"There is no cause for an extra session of congress to consider the financial situation," said Mr. Williams last night. "If one were called by the president, no result would be obtained except to precipitate the house of representatives and the senate into the passage of legislation under a questionable feeling without sufficient deliberation."

"The president's idea that great criminals cannot be punished or great evils corrected without conferring upon the federal government the power of national incorporation of all concerns engaged in inter-state commerce is a very mistaken one," added Mr. Williams. "The president's chief mistake consists in the fact that he has seemingly forgotten that a corporation per se cannot commit crime; that whenever a corporate action results in a public hurt it is and must be due to some man or some men who have used or misused corporate power."

"A corporation not only 'has no soul,' but is not a sentient being and cannot as such commit a crime. Under the law as written now, the man, or men, who use it to violate law can be held to strict personal liability and nothing short of so holding them will stop the great evils the exposure of which has come very nearly bringing about national hysteria. It may be that somewhere an obscure agent of a corporation is used by the magnates to perpetuate an offense, as is some times the case in railroad rebates and there are those who would cry out against punishing the subordinate (Continued on Second Page.)

THORNE MUST RETIRE FROM PRESIDENCY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Nov. 4.—A financial lawyer who has been associated with many banks was authority in Wall Street today for the statement that J. P. Morgan and his associates had demanded retirement of President Oakley Thorne and the entire board of directors of the Trust Company of America before going to that institution's assistance.

In Wall Street it was commonly understood, although no one would permit the use of his name as authority, that the First National Bank, known as a Morgan bank, would take over the entire business of the Trust Company of America and that the officers of the latter would resign.

When Mr. Thorne was asked if this was true he refused to make a reply. He sent another official of the bank out to say that no statement would be made.

BANK OF ENGLAND DISCOUNT RAISED

London, Nov. 4.—The rumors that the Bank of England would raise its minimum discount rate before the regular meeting of the directors on Thursday were verified this morning when the bank announced an advance from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2. The rate was raised from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 on October 31.

FAMOUS MURDER TRIAL TO BEGIN

Case of Mrs. Annie Bradley at Washington

KILLED U. S. SENATOR

The Trial of the Slayer of U. S. Senator Brown Will Begin Next Monday and Promises to Abound in Sensational and Startling Disclosures—Eminent Counsel Will Conduct the Case—Where the Noted Physician Said Today—Doesn't Deny Killing.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—On the eve of what promises to be one of the most sensational trials of its kind ever held in America, Mrs. Annie M. Bradley made the foregoing statement today. One week from today she will be called upon in the criminal court here to answer for the murder of U. S. Senator Arthur Brown in his apartments at the Raleigh Hotel a year ago next December. The shooting down of the eminent lawyer brought to light a story of a double life on the part of the man and a sad romance in the career of the young woman, who, it is believed, has become weak in mind since her long incarceration. Night after night her two little sons have prayed for her freedom, and part of the time they have spent with her in her dingy little cell. Among the witnesses who will be called on behalf of the commonwealth is Mrs. Annie Adams, the mother of Maud Adams, the actress, who declared after the tragedy that Mrs. Bradley had been prompted in her act through the fact that she (Mrs. Adams) had written to the senator to whom she (Mrs. Adams) was engaged. The sympathies of the woman who also is an actress, were with Mrs. Bradley, and she hurried to Washington, where she asked the senator on his deathbed to wed Mrs. Bradley.

In all probability the defense will be emotional insanity brought on by suffering of the heart and brain.

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GOOD MEAT FOR MOB ARE THESE FIENDS

(By Cable to The Times.)

Palermo, Italy, Nov. 4.—Troops surrounded the prison here to protect two brothers named Bellec, charged with kidnapping and brutally mistreating two daughters of a rich Palermo family.

Furious crowds tried repeatedly to take the brothers from the carabinieri. They were beaten off, but Signor Zucchi, the young women's father, has stirred up so violent a feeling against them that a fresh attack is momentarily expected.

The girls were seized on one of the principal streets of Palermo Friday afternoon and were found last night stripped and bound in a house on the outskirts of the city.

ANOTHER BIG OCEAN PALACE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Nov. 4.—The Mauritania has been scheduled to sail from Liverpool for this country on November 15. This is the same day that the Lusitania is to leave New York and the ships will pass each other in mid-ocean. The Mauritania is 300 tons larger than the Lusitania and is therefore the largest ship in the world.

"No More Wedding Bells For Me" Says Pretty Mrs. G. W. Kavanaugh



Miss Julia Robinson, formerly Mrs. G. W. Kavanaugh, the beautiful New York woman, who after divorcing her husband, insisted upon retaining her maiden name, and said "No more wedding bells for me."

LITTLE GIRL SURE TO DIE

Child Who Was so Horribly Chastised

SHOAF AND WIFE JAILED

Man and Woman Guilty of the Crime Again Arrested, On Account of the Unfortunate Turn in the Child's Condition, and Taken to Davidson Jail at Lexington—Had Been Released On \$500 Bond Till Sunday. Additional Particulars.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Lexington, N. C., Nov. 4.—H. B. Shoaf and his wife, of Thomsville, the man and woman charged with having had the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. P. C. Fields, of High Point, in such a fearful manner that she will probably die from the injuries, was brought to Lexington Sunday afternoon and placed in jail. He was brought here through the country. The child is still living but gangrene has set in and there is now no hope of her recovery. There is strong feeling against the two, but there is no doubt but that the law will be allowed to take its course.

The day after the crime was committed, which was last Friday, Shoaf and his wife were arrested and given a preliminary trial, being placed under a \$500 bond, each. "It was then thought that the child would probably recover, but yesterday, when it was learned that gangrene had set in the two were arrested and immediately brought to Lexington.

The child, it will be remembered, was on a visit to the Shoafs, who have two small children. It is charged that Friday the two assaulted the little one, bruising her head, breaking her left arm and also bruising both legs. When your correspondent saw the child on the following day she was bleeding at the nose and appeared to be in a very critical condition.

Shoaf is superintendent of a chair factory at Lexington and it is said that he and his wife are both addicted to the morphine habit and also drink.

The particulars of the horrible occurrence appeared in The Evening Times last Friday.

Kent in Woods All Night. Lexington, N. C., Nov. 4.—Late (Continued on Second Page.)

TOMORROW IS ELECTION DAY

Most Interest in Maryland and New York

ARRESTING REPEATERS

Eleven Hundred Warrants for Election Swindlers Issued and a Thousand More to Be Sworn Out Tonight—Will Hearst's Man Husbent Beat Tammany Man for Sheriff at New York—Crothers or Gaither in Maryland—Prospects in Other States.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Nov. 4.—Following the issuance of 1,128 warrants for the arrest of McClellan-Murphy-Foley repeaters, it was declared today that 1,000 more warrants would be prepared before the polls open tomorrow. As a result an army of blood voters will be placed behind the bars.

Deputy Attorney General Ream went before the grand jury today to ask for the indictment of hundreds of repeaters. Officials of the attorney's office are confident that their initial efforts will result in sending more than 1,000 illegal voters to prison.

Reports have been received at republican state headquarters on the political conditions in all of the assembly districts outside Greater New York. These reports, it is admitted at headquarters indicate a reduced republican majority in the next legislature.

Of the 150 members of the present assembly 95 are republicans. The outside estimate of republican (Continued on Page Three.)

\$300,000 FIRE AT LOCKPORT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lockport, N. Y., Nov. 4.—The Franklin Mills, Lockport Excelsior building, the signal tower in the New York Central yards here, together with the trustee and bunkers of the Hovey Coal Company, were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$300,000.

ANOTHER RAIL ROAD HORROR

Fatal Accident of the Ala. Great Southern

20 KILLED AND INJURED

Head-on Collision in Which Three Persons Are Instantly Killed and More Than a Score Fatally or Partly Hurt—Mistake in Orders on the Part of the Engineer of the Alabama Responsible for the Catastrophe—Particulars of Accident.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 4.—Three are dead and more than a score more are seriously injured as the result of a head-on collision Sunday between passenger train No. 2 and a freight engine at a point about half a mile south of Morgansville, Ala., on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad.

The dead: CALVIN B. SPENCER, aged about 50, Birmingham, engineer of train No. 2, instantly killed. BUD APPLETON, colored, 25 years old, Trumbull, Ga., brakeman on freight, instantly killed. JOSE YOUNG, colored, 27, Birmingham, driver on freight train, died at the hospital.

The injured: Henry W. Elliott, Jr., about 35 or 36, Birmingham, engineer of the freight train, injured about head and body, slight fracture of the skull; R. Lee Holland, about 28, passenger from Ducktown to Birmingham; Mrs. N. E. Paston, middle aged, Cleveland, Ohio, passenger from Chattanooga to New Orleans; J. N. Tamplin, about 28, Gadsden, Tenn., freight train, scalded and badly bruised; J. W. Street, about 28, Birmingham, mail clerk, bruised about body, hands, scalded; Alexander Jackson, 26, Chattanooga, express messenger, bruised about head and shoulders; E. A. McCoy, passenger from Ducktown to Birmingham; J. Watson, passenger, Ducktown to Birmingham; C. M. Ameron, Ducktown; Mrs. S. P. Poy, of New Orleans, and twenty months old son, Raymond Roy; Mrs. Roy sustained a severe bruise over left eye and sprain of the muscles of the back; the child was slightly bruised; Mrs. G. Netter, Birmingham; I. Marks, Meridian, Miss.; J. J. Watson, Ducktown; Alexander Pierson, postal clerk; W. E. Cole, dining car conductor; Charles Bales, colored, cook on diner; William Roberts, colored cook on diner; Walter Williams, colored, waiter on diner; John Rutledge, colored, waiter on diner.

Passenger train No. 3 is the fast train running between Cincinnati and New Orleans and left here yesterday morning nearly two hours late, in charge of Engineer Calvin Spencer and conductor Jim Stone. They had waiting orders for the first section of freight train No. 82 at Morgansville at 8:50, but arriving there and finding no freight in sight, Engineer Spencer opened her up and went speeding on south. In the meantime Engineer Elliott, in charge of engine No. 109, drawing the freight train, had arrived at New England, about three or four miles south of Morgansville, pulling his train in the siding, and cut across the engine and with his flagman, went on toward Morgansville, evidently expecting to tag No. 3 there and let the crew of that train know he was safe in the siding. This is the only conclusion that can be drawn, unless it was that he hoped to get to Morgansville and water his engine before No. 3 came up, and finding he could not make it with his train, cut his engine loose and made the dash.

But he had less time than he anticipated and the heavy passenger train crashed into his engine just as he was about a reverse curve and out of the cut. Engineer Spencer was thrown out of the cab of his engine, his body cut in half and mangled beyond description.

The language, express and smoking cars, those in all, were burned. Both engines were entirely destroyed. J. W. Evans of Birmingham, who was on Saturday named superintendent of the Alabama Great Southern, was a passenger on the train en route to Birmingham.

Still Another One.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Danbury, Conn., Nov. 4.—In a serious wreck, which is reported to have occurred early this morning near Reading, on the Berkshire division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, a number of people were injured but no fatalities have been reported. Several of the injured have been brought here and are now in the Danbury hospital.

Five Killed in This One.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 4.—Five were killed and at least twenty were injured in a head-on collision between a northbound passenger train and a (Continued on Second Page.)

MAY DISCLOSE MAIL ROBBERY

What Became of Harnett Bank's \$3,000

ARREST POSTAL CLERKS

Two Men Arrested at Durham Who Are Charged With Working Government Postal Packages—Richmond Bank Mailed \$3,000 to Bank of Harnett in September, and the Package Has Not Yet Reached Its Legal Destination—Particulars.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Durham, Nov. 4.—The arrest Saturday afternoon of J. M. Fields, railroad mail clerk on the Durham & Southern, and his brother, Bascom Fields, who is also in the employ of the government, on the charge of robbing the United States mails, may lead to the solution of the mystery which has surrounded the loss of a \$3,000 shipment to the Bank of Harnett from the Bank of Richmond.

The money was sent from the Richmond bank to the bank at Duke, N. C. The sealed package arrived in Durham apparently in good condition. Here it was transferred to the Durham & Southern. When the package was opened at Duke the money had been taken out, newspaper wadding having been substituted, and the package again sealed. Inspectors F. R. Barclay and J. B. Robertson have been at work on the robbery ever since it occurred, and it was evidence secured by them that led them to place the Fields boys under arrest.

Bascom Fields is jointly charged with the robbery because he is alleged to have traveled in the mail car with his brother on the trip on which the theft is charged to have been committed.

The young men stoutly deny their guilt, and at this time it cannot be determined what evidence will be introduced at the preliminary hearing. Bail was fixed at \$3,000, but the accused could not give bond and were forced to go to jail.

Money Missing Over a Month. J. M. Fields was married on October 17th, to Miss Martha Williams, of Liberty, N. C. The money was missing sometime before he was married and several postal inspectors told him that he was suspicious. Several times his belongings were searched to find the missing money, but nothing was accomplished, and from the very first he has protested his innocence. On the eve of the marriage, when he stopped at Greensboro, en route to the home of the bride-to-be at Liberty the postal authorities again searched him.

The Bank of Richmond, at Richmond, Va., was conferred with Saturday night. They say that the package containing \$3,000 was sent about a month ago to the bank at Duke, N. C. This package was robbed and a newspaper inserted, filling the place of the bank notes.

Released on Bond.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Durham, Nov. 4.—Relatives of James M. Fields in Randolph county have furnished his bond and he was released today at 3 o'clock. His brother, Bascom Fields, will probably be released too.

A CONFERENCE FOR TOMORROW

There will be a conference in the governor's office tomorrow, the council of state, the corporation commission and the various attorneys employed by the state as counsel being present. Governor Glenn returned to the city this afternoon from his conference in Atlanta. Yesterday he delivered an address at Waxhaw, N. C.

The nature of the conference has not been made public, though it is known that the conference will consider the evidence that the state hopes to produce at the rate hearing, which will be resumed in Raleigh.