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THE WORST IS OVER

Banking Conditions in New York Becoming Normal.

RUNS UPON BANKS CEASE

Engagement of \$18,750,000 in Gold From Europe and Heavy Sales of Copper Assist in Further Restoring Confidence.

New York, Oct. 29.—The principal events in the financial district indicated that the worst of the crisis was over, and that conditions were settling down to normal. There were no further bank suspensions, and reports were favorable for the resumption of most of the banks which closed temporarily last week. The engagement of \$18,750,000 in gold from Europe for importation to New York was followed by the sensational announcement of sales of American copper abroad, which will further increase the tide of foreign money to this country to an aggregate of over \$25,000,000. This, with the rapid rise of good securities on the stock exchange, in some cases followed by a slight reaction at the close, and the policy of the trust companies not to pay out currency for hoarding purposes, all contributed to strengthen the feeling in banking quarters and among the public at large.

Runs upon banks practically ceased, partly because recognition that they were unnecessary and unjustifiable, and partly because of the policy adopted to pay large checks only in certified checks on depository banks. This system of payment worked no apparent hardship and was the cause of very little protest. Small checks were paid promptly in currency, and larger amounts where it was demonstrated that currency was required for purposes other than hoarding. It is still possible for a frightened depositor to transfer his account from one institution to another by depositing a check in the depository for which he now has a preference, but he cannot withdraw large amounts in gold certificates to be locked in a safe deposit vault, as was the case last week.

One of the sensational features of the day was the remarkable development in the copper trade. The United Metals Selling company reports a sharp advance in the price. Copper, which they would have gladly sold ten days ago at 12 1/4 cents a pound, commanded 13 1/4 to 15 1/4 cents a pound. During the month of October the sales of this company had been between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 pounds of copper. The bulk of the sales have been for export.

Confidence in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Oct. 29.—The close for the first day of the new week saw local financial conditions in better shape than at any time last week. The feeling of confidence, which has been so admirably shown, has not diminished a particle, and not a financial institution in the city has been obliged to take advantage of a number of precautionary measures which have been arranged.

300 MEN LAID OFF

Failure of Knickerbocker Trust Hinders Work on Susquehanna Dam.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 29.—The failure of the Knickerbocker Trust company, of New York, has caused the McFalls Ferry company to lay off 300 hands who were at work on the McFalls dam over the Susquehanna river, and will greatly hinder the company in the completion of its power plant. The Knickerbocker Trust company was the financial agent for the McFalls company, and as trustee held the \$10,000,000 mortgage placed on the power plant and dam under which the mortgage bonds were sold. At the time it closed its doors the trust company is said to have had about \$800,000 on deposit in the institution. The McFalls company is under contract to supply the city of Baltimore with complete electric light and power service in 1908. Under present conditions only enough men are being kept at work on the dam to keep it in shape to withstand the freshets and high water during the winter and spring.

Put Oil on Fire, Two Will Die.

Butler, Pa., Oct. 29.—Three men were seriously burned, two of them fatally, by the explosion of a can of kerosene at Evans City, near here. The men were endeavoring to start a fire to cook a meal, but owing to wet fuel the blaze was slow. In order to facilitate matters, they resorted to the use of kerosene, with the explosion as a result. The men were removed to a hospital, where it is said two of them will die.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL SLAIN

General Maximoffsky, Director of Prisons, Shot and Killed by Terrorist.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—General Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons, of the ministry of the interior, was shot and killed. The general was the highest responsible official connected with the Russian prisons, and it is supposed this was the reason he was selected for assassination by the terrorists.

The assassination of General Maximoffsky apparently was designed to be only a prelude to a greater act of terrorism—the destruction of the headquarters of the secret police—which has been the object of at least three terrorist plots of recent months.

When the slayer of General Maximoffsky, who was identified as Mlle. Ragoznikova, of Perm Province, the daughter of a teacher in the imperial conservatory of music, was taken to the police station, her agitated attempts to free her bound hands and reach toward her breast led to an investigation, and it was found that she carried inside her corsage a case containing 13 pounds of a high explosive, a charge powerful enough to blow the entire building and its occupants to pieces.

ROBBED OF \$14,000

Thief Steals Financier's Grip on a Railroad Train.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The police of this city received information that William J. Payne, of Richmond, Va., who is said to be the president of the Newport News Gas company, the Newport News & Old Point Railway & Electric company, and connected with other large enterprises, while on his way from Washington to New York city, was robbed of a leather grip containing \$14,000, in bonds and stock certificates. The robbery was committed, it is said, while Mr. Payne was taking a nap in a Pullman in which he was riding. He believes that the person who stole the grip left the train at Wilmington, Del.

ADMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

President Will Issue Proclamation For New State on November 16.

Washington, Oct. 29.—President Roosevelt will issue the proclamation admitting the new state of Oklahoma on Saturday, November 16, next. The constitution was formally placed in his hands by Governor Frantz and a large delegation from Oklahoma.

The constitution is typewritten on parchment, and does not contain the election ordinances. The president will go over the instrument with the attorney general carefully. He has made it known that he regards it as within the terms of the enabling act, and that he has no further discretion, and will therefore sign it.

The issuance of the proclamation will immediately start the machinery of Oklahoma as a state.

Eskimos Resort to Cannibalism.

St. John's N. F., Oct. 29.—Cannibalism has been resorted to by the Eskimos in the Ungava bay district and on the shores of Hudson strait, according to Rev. Mr. Stewart, an Anglican missionary to the Ungava bay Eskimos. Rev. Mr. Stewart states that, owing to the severely cold weather and the unusual scarcity of game, many of them the natives in the remote regions have perished from starvation and exhaustion and the survivors have been forced to cannibalism to sustain life. Recently the crew of a Newfoundland vessel, which was in Ungava bay, discovered 30 skeletons lying unburied on the beaches.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt Improving.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the president's youngest daughter, has been removed to the White House from the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat hospital, where an operation was performed on her nose. She is somewhat improved, but is attended by a trained nurse, and Mrs. Roosevelt is giving her personal attention to the patient. Miss Roosevelt was unable to walk to the carriage and was carried on a stretcher. It is expected that she will be able to be about in a few days.

Pettibone Trial November 21.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 29.—Judge Wood set the Pettibone case for trial November 21. He said that if the case was further delayed he would continue it to the January term.

Pay in Advance or No Divorce.

Beaver, Pa., Oct. 29.—It has been decided by Judge Richard Holt that hereafter any person who wishes a divorce in Beaver county will have to pay for it in advance. Judge Holt declares the decree is not final until the costs are paid.

The Weather.

Forecast for this section: Fair and cooler today; tomorrow, fair, diminishing northwest winds.

NEPHEW ARRESTED

Jacob Freas a Magee Murder Suspect in Atlantic City.

TELLS CONFLICTING STORIES

Was in Company of Dead Man Saturday Night and Spent Money Freely on Sunday—Tracing His Movements.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 2.—Believing that he may have information that will help them to solve the mystery surrounding the murder of Absalom Magee, the aged farmer of Weymouth, whose body was found floating in the thoroughfare, near this city, the authorities locked up Jacob Freas, a nephew of the dead man, and are holding him as a witness in the case. Freas is said to have been in company with the farmer on Saturday, and the authorities say spent money freely on Sunday. They say that whoever committed the crime knew that Magee had a large sum of money with him and was averse to placing his money in banks.

The movements of the dead man have been traced from the time he left the home of Cameron Freas, also a nephew, in Chelsea, early Saturday night, up to 10 o'clock, when he disappeared with two women, one of whom had been found, but who has shown that he was not with Magee at such time as the murder could have been committed. The aged farmer's watch was stopped at 11 o'clock, and from this the police hold he was killed before that hour. It is known to have had \$2000 in his possession Saturday night, and when the body was found there were a few keys and a little change in the pockets.

Freas was put through several degrees and the chief of police admits that Freas has made a number of contradictory statements. Freas is now under indictment by the present grand jury for assault and battery on his wife.

According to the county physician, Dr. Souder, Magee was killed between 11 and 12 o'clock on Saturday night. If the doctor's conclusion is correct, it is barely possible that the old man's assailants caught the last car out of the city that night or perhaps boarded the freight train which leaves about 3 a. m. At any rate they could easily have slipped aboard the electric train Sunday morning.

Magee had worked hard all his life, and had amassed a snug fortune. He owned several farms of considerable size and value. Lately he decided to retire and sold part of his real estate, realizing about \$8000.

He arrived here last Saturday afternoon with more than \$2000 in a roll in his trousers pocket, on a visit to his nephew. Search for the old man had already been begun by Freas when William Boyle discovered the floating body while running his launch down the thoroughfare.

Stole Baby's Money.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 29.—"I have never robbed a child before, but I am not working for the good of my health, and I need the money just now. However, I am sorry to take the money, and you may stake your life upon it, that if ever I have \$1.27 to spare I shall return this money." This was the no, signed "Hard-up Burglar," which Mr. and Mrs. George Bonta found on the dining table at their home, 389 Bank street, when they came down stairs. An investigation was made and it was found that the thief had taken \$20.27 in all. The bank which contained \$1.27 was the property of their 6-year-old daughter.

Receiver For Steel Casting Company.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 29.—Benjamin Atha and Ernest F. Harder, of Newark, and George A. Hebard, of Brooklyn, were appointed receivers for the Atha Steel Casting company, of Newark, by Judge Cross in the United States circuit court here. The total liabilities of the Atha company are scheduled at \$1,191,263 and the total assets at book values at not more than \$1,627,230. The Atha company has claims against the Westinghouse electric and machine companies aggregating \$75,000.

Woman Holds Up Fifty Auto Parties.

Waterbury, Conn., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Mary H. Eylan, of this place, armed with a broom and cobblestones, appeared in the roadway near her home and held up 50 autos. She is said to imagine her son was killed two years ago by an automobile. She held up the car of C. F. Von Traller, of New York, and struck the chauffeur in the face with her broom.

WILL WIPE OUT DEBT

Universalists Pledge Themselves to Raise \$31,000.

Philadelphia, Oct. 29.—The General Universalist convention in session here decided, after much discussion, to have the president, treasurer and secretary of the convention elected ex-officio members of the board of trustees. The Universalist church is chartered under the laws of New York, and it was said that it is the only corporate body in which the president and some of the other officers are not ex-officio members of the controlling body.

The convention also pledged itself to wipe out an indebtedness of \$31,000, and secured promises from members and church bodies of payments that will aggregate probably twice that sum within the next two years. The delegates and ministers pledged the payment of \$1 for each member of the Universalist church. In addition, at the suggestion of F. W. Betz, of Syracuse, who demanded the immediate wiping out of the debt, five individuals agreed to pay \$1000, several pledged themselves to give \$500, and four ministers in the names of their congregations pledged \$1000 each.

TAFT HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Runaway Mules Nearly Caused Accident to Secretary of War.

Baguio, Oct. 29.—Secretary Taft and wife narrowly escaped injury from a runaway of mules, while in an automobile with General Wood and General Bliss. The chauffeur, who was going at a great speed, disappeared after the narrow escape of the distinguished travelers.

Secretary Taft attended a feast given in his honor at which Igorro dances were presented. He also visited points of interest and inspected the summer government buildings. He is said to have determined on the immediate development of Baguio on a large scale.

GEN. BOOTH AT CAPITOL

Entertained at White House With Secretary Cortelyou.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained at luncheon General William Booth, of the Salvation Army; Commander Miss Booth, Secretary and Mrs. Cortelyou and Commissioner and Mrs. H. B. MacFarland, of the District of Columbia. His condition was greatly improved, he having about recovered his usual health.

\$100,000 For Aiding Widow.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 29.—As a reward for caring for an aged woman whom she found sick and without friends, Mrs. A. M. Shevaller, wife of a baggage agent of the Northwestern here, is the heir to an estate valued at \$100,000, left by Mrs. Helen A. Horn, who died several days ago. Mrs. Horn was an old settler, but during recent years was practically friendless, until a few months ago Mrs. Shevaller called upon her. The only known relative of Mrs. Horn is a sister, Mrs. Mary Nicholas, of Washington, D. C., but the sisters had not spoken for years. Mrs. Shevaller has announced that the bulk of her inheritance will go to charity.

College Girl an "Affinity Agent."

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Twenty-year-old Marion Gray admitted to Judge Bieha, in the federal court here, that she was an "affinity agent," and insisted there was no harm in the occupation. "I didn't know the government cared," she said. "I was a student in the University of Michigan and ran short of funds. I thought I could make some money by finding soul mates for persons." She is charged with getting \$1000 from men who wanted affinities. Her case was put over till next term.

Alabama County Votes "Dry."

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 29.—Jefferson county, after one of the hottest campaigns in its history, has gone dry by a majority of 320 against Prohibition. The feature of the election was the presence of thousands of women and children at the polls. They paraded the street with banners, sang hymns and pleaded with voters, and it is believed that they played an important part in carrying the county for Prohibition. The vote was the largest ever cast in the county.

Greene and Gaynor Denied Rehearing.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 29.—B. D. D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, contractors who were convicted of defrauding the government out of a large sum of money, were denied a rehearing by the United States circuit court of appeals. Unless the defense procures a writ of certiorari from the United States supreme court, the defendants will have to spend four years in the penitentiary, besides paying a fine of \$2,000,000 each.

THE ELECTIONS

Twelve States to Elect Governors and Other Officers Nov. 5.

MANY TICKETS NOMINATED

Prohibitionists and Socialists Have Tickets in All the States Except Two—Lively Contests in Some of the States.

New York, Oct. 29.—There will be elections in 12 states next Tuesday, November 5. In Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Mississippi and Kentucky a governor and other state officers are to be chosen; in New Jersey, a governor only; in New York, two associate justices of the court of appeals; in Pennsylvania, a state treasurer, and in Nebraska, a railroad commissioner and two regents of the State University. In Ohio, Utah and California municipal officers are to be selected, while in New York county a number of judges and a sheriff are to be voted for.

The Prohibitionists have a state ticket in all the states, except Maryland and Mississippi, and city tickets in Cleveland and Cincinnati, but not in San Francisco or Salt Lake.

The Socialists also have tickets in all the states, except Mississippi and Maryland, and city tickets in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Salt Lake, but not in San Francisco.

The Socialist-Labor party has tickets in Kentucky, Massachusetts and New Jersey, while Union Labor made nominations for city officers in San Francisco.

There is only one ticket, the Democratic, in Mississippi, and the result, of course, is not doubtful.

In Massachusetts there are 10 tickets, five being divided among Democrats, who are engaged in a factional fight with the state delegation to the National Democratic convention next year. The ballot law commission decided that Henry K. Whitney was the nominee for governor.

In Nebraska the Democrats and Populists fused on the officials to be voted for throughout the state.

In Maryland there will be a straight contest between the Democrats and the Republicans, only the two parties having made nominations for state officers. In addition to these, a house of delegates and one-half of the state senate are to be elected. The next legislature will choose two United States senators—one to fill the unexpired term of the late Arthur T. Gorman, and the other to take the place of Senator Rayner. The Republicans adhere to the old plan of senatorial election, but the Democrats are to put into effect a new senatorial primary plan, which requires every member of the legislature to vote for the candidate receiving the highest vote in his district. The senatorial primaries, so far as the Democrats are concerned, will hereafter be a part of the regular elections in Maryland. Six aspirants for the long term will be voted for November 5, the candidate for the short term having no opposition.

In New York county the Republicans and the Independence League (Hearst) forces have fused on the county ticket, which is made up of a number of court justices and a sheriff. This gives unusual interest to the contest, although the Republicans named the head of the ticket.

In Cleveland Congressman Theodore E. Burton is contesting the mayoralty with Thomas L. Johnson, who is understood to be the representative of William J. Bryan in Ohio, and to endorse Bryan's views on the subjects of public utilities.

NUGGETS OF NEWS

Charles R. Henderson, aged 59, banker and director of many important financial corporations in New York, died of apoplexy at his home.

Prominent checker players of Pennsylvania have extended an invitation to meet in Pittsburg November 5 for the purpose of organizing a state checker association.

Diamonds and jewelry of the aggregate value of \$7000 were stolen from the residence of Frederick L. Osgood in Norwich, Conn., and there is no clue to the robbers.

Acting upon the advice of the United States district attorney's office, late county clerk of Santa Rosa, Cal., has refused the application of Benigno Boeco, a Filipino, for naturalization papers.

For insulting a girl who rebuked him for shooting craps in front of her home, at Mont Clair, N. J., James McFochey has been sentenced to 90 days in the penitentiary by Recorder Henry L. Yost, who said that he intended to discourage profanity among the rising generation.

PENN'S LANDING CELEBRATED

Rain Interfered With Exercises at Chester and New Castle.

Chester, Pa., Oct. 29.—The landing of William Penn on the site of what is now this city, 225 years ago, was celebrated here. The exercises were to have included a spectacular reproduction of the landing of the great Quaker, but a heavy rain marred the ceremonies, and, after escorting Governor Stuart and other officials and guests to the exact spot where Penn landed, the Penn Memorial monument was viewed and the exercises were transferred to the Larkin public school, where Governor Stuart addressed the children.

New Castle Unveils Tablet.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 29.—Though rain marred the celebration, a tablet commemorating the 225th anniversary of the first landing of William Penn at that place, was unveiled at New Castle. The tablet, which is of marble, is set in the east wall of an old court house, a part of which was standing when Penn arrived. The exercises were conducted by the Delaware Society of the Colonial Dames of America. The tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Charles R. Miller, of Wilmington, president of the Delaware Society of Colonial Dames, and the principal address was made by President Joseph Swayne, of Swarthmore College.

WANT TO GIVE BABY AWAY

Parents Don't Care to Bother With Their First Born.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 29.—Judge Stubbs and the officers of the juvenile court are wrestling with an unusual problem in the case of a father and mother who want to give their baby away because they don't care to bother with it any more. The father, an intelligent workman, applied to the judge to take the child. "I have to work at night," the father said, "and I can't sleep in the daytime when the baby cries. A public home can do more for it than we can." A woman officer of the court was sent to investigate. She found the husband and wife comfortably fixed. "Yes, we want to dispose of the child," the mother said. "I have the neuralgia and can't care for it day and night, too." The baby is their first born.

Christmas Boxes For Soldiers.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Following a custom inaugurated by the late Secretary Alger, the war department will again this year transport free Christmas boxes for officers and soldiers on the foreign stations. Boxes for the troops in the Philippines may be consigned to the superintendent of the army transport service in San Francisco, and those for Cuba may be sent to the depot quartermaster at Newport News, Va.

Famous Pacer Dead.

Chester, Pa., Oct. 29.—Frank Yokum, the king of all half-mile track pacers, who has equalled eight track records and lowered 35 half-mile records, died at the Moore Brook Stock Farm. Frank Yokum, the property of Charles Longbotham, of this city, was by Parker, the dam being Jane White, and was conceded by all horsemen to be one of the gamest pacers that was ever in a race.

Four Girl Babies Born Together.

Lawrence, Kas., Oct. 29.—Mrs. John Barben, wife of a farmer who lives six miles from Lawrence, Kas., became the mother of four girls on Saturday. One of the children died Sunday. The other three are apparently healthy, and it is thought they will live.

Work on Powder Plant Suspended.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 29.—Orders were posted on the grounds of the Dupont Powder works, south of Tacoma, that all men were to be laid off, indicating a suspension of work on the large powder plant now building. One hundred men are affected. No reason is given for the action.

Archduke Ferdinand Dying.

Vienna, Oct. 29.—It is reported here from Salzburg, Austria, that Archduke Ferdinand IV, Grand Duke of Tuscany, is dying. He received the last sacraments. He is 72 years old, and for some time past has suffered from a nervous malady.

Was Determined to Die.

Harrisburg, Oct. 29.—After failing in an attempt to end her life by jumping from a second-story window of her home, Mrs. H. C. Hamilton, aged 30 years, hanged herself. She had been melancholy since the death of her husband's parents last July.

Money For Depositors.

Washington, Pa., Oct. 29.—Receiver John H. Strawn, of the Farmers and Drivers' National bank, of Waynesburg, Pa., will next week begin mailing to depositors and rediscounters checks for the first payment on their claims. The first payment will be 25 per cent. of all approved claims.