

Run on Banks Follows Failure in Mexico City

Crowds Clamor for Deposits in Foreign Institutions After Closing of Banque Francaise du Mexique

All Have Met Demands American Firm Hardest Hit; Believed N. Y. Connections Will Lend Support

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—A run on the city's financial institutions today followed the closure of the Banque Francaise du Mexique yesterday. The closing of business at 9 o'clock this morning found long queues of depositors lined up before all the chief foreign banks. They have been withdrawing their accounts all day long. The house of Zembrano & Co., a branch of the Monterey Zembrano Bank, remained open until 8 in the evening, paying off the clamoring depositors.

All the banks here have weathered the storm, promptly and fully meeting every demand made on them. The bank in which the most severe run has been made today is the Mexico City Banking Corporation. It has paid off all comers, however, and is believed to be sufficiently supported by New York connections to be able to stand successfully against the strain which is imposed upon it at this time. The Credito Espanol, the Spanish banking establishment, has not been subjected to severe demands, but is being run well, with the support of wealthy Spanish interests here. The Zembrano Bank has large interests in the northern border of Mexico. Its showing today has been most satisfactory, and no fears are felt for it. Jules Lacaud, manager of the French bank which failed, said today: "I have nothing to say. Too much has been said already. I am sorry that what has happened and am working hard to get things straightened out."

All the newspapers here devote many columns today to the failure of the French bank, fearing that a general strike of unprecedented proportions in Mexico may result.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16 (By The Associated Press).—A dispatch to "El Mundo" from Vera Cruz says Viva Brothers, private bankers, whose institution for years has been considered one of the most substantial in the republic, failed to open their doors for business today. The bank is said to have been hard hit by the suspension of the Banque Francaise du Mexique.

Wants Towns' Names Painted On Rail Stations to Aid Flyers From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Painting the names of towns to guide pilots in cross-country flights, was suggested today by Secretary of the Navy Denby, in a communication sent the Interstate Commerce Commission. He asked that it be authorized to the railway companies of the country.

Steamship Hits Barge, Hurling Cargo in River

An unusual accident thrilled the 145 tourists on the Fort Hamilton, of the Furness Bermuda Line, yesterday when, as she was nearing pier 95, North River, one of her propellers, it is believed, struck a barge, causing the cargo of the barge and that of another lashed to it to slide into the water, while the captains scrambled ashore for safety. As far as could be learned no damage was done to the Fort Hamilton.

Charles Beebe, youthful captain of the barge Louise, owned by the New York Traprock Company, said that he believed the strong wind had pushed the Fort Hamilton against his vessel, which was tied to another owned by the Empire Brick Supply Company at pier 94. Suddenly he felt his barge being lifted into the air. As she listed her cargo was dumped upon the brick barge. The Louise capsized. The heavy load caused the other barge to list and the greater part of her cargo, consisting of 4,600 bricks and 400 bales of hay, slid into the river. Beebe leaped from the Louise across the other barge to the pier and shouted to Christy Schrot, in charge of the brick barge, to follow. Schrot just managed to grasp the stringpiece and was pulled on the pier by his companion.

Rent Court's Rent Raised

An appeal was made to the Sinking Fund Commission yesterday by Justice John R. Davies, of the Municipal Court, to save the 7th District Court, located at 360 West 125th Street, from being dispossessed. In this court Justice Davies told the commission disposition was made of approximately 50,000 landlord-tenant cases annually. Now the justices themselves are facing a stern landlord who has served notice that the present rent of \$8,500 a year will be increased to \$15,000 when the present lease expires next month. Anticipating a refusal by the justices to assent to the increase the landlord a few days ago hung up a "to let" sign on the building. The court has occupied the present premises for the last five years. The members of the Sinking Fund Commission were amazed at the 75 per cent increase sought by the landlord. The matter was referred to Comptroller Craig.

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Stokes Case Tangles Finch Appointment To Appellate Bench

Miller May Be Obligated to Withdraw Designation for a Time Until Judge Can Sign Her Decree

It may become necessary for Governor Miller to withdraw temporarily his designation of Justice Edward R. Finch of the Supreme Court to sit in the Appellate Division. This unprecedented action is expected to make it possible for Justice Finch to dispose of several cases that were pending before him for decision at the time of his elevation to the appellate branch of the Supreme Court, the point having been raised that the justice is barred by his transfer from signing any orders or decrees as a justice of the Supreme Court. Governor Miller has been apprised of the situation and is expected to take action on his return to Albany.

One of the cases in which a decree has not been signed, and therefore would have to be retried unless Governor Miller acts, is the separation action of Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes against W. E. D. Stokes. After hearing the suit of Mr. Stokes against his wife and her counter claim for a separation Justice Finch dismissed the husband's complaint and found in favor of a separation for the wife. But the decree to effectuate this finding has not been signed.

The matter came before Justice Newburger yesterday when Daniel J. Nugent, counsel for Mr. Stokes, moved for a new trial. The attorney based his plea not only on the unfinished status of the case, but also on the ground of newly discovered evidence he said was in the possession of Mr. Stokes. Mr. Stokes, said his attorney, has fifty-five witnesses to disprove the testimony

given by Mrs. Stokes. Justice Newburger announced he was not concerned with the alleged new evidence, but only with the question of whether Justice Finch might be enabled to sign the decree.

Louis Marshall, counsel for Mrs. Stokes, said he had already discussed the matter with Governor Miller. Mr. Nugent, on the other hand, has written a letter to Governor Miller objecting to the step proposed by Mr. Marshall. Mr. Nugent said the proposed procedure "is so audacious, unprecedented and perfectly amazing, that we cannot well believe it would be entertained."

Slays Hermit With Cue In Hunt for Fortune

Attack Due to Rumors of Hidden Wealth. Is Belief; Dogs His Guardians

Farmer folk of Rockland County were stirred yesterday by the death in Nyack Hospital of Gustavus L. Smith, fifty-one, who was found unconscious in a barn on his farm at the foot of Haverstraw Mountain. His skull fractured with a billiard cue. The condition of his clothing indicated a terrific struggle.

The elderly man lived like a hermit, seldom leaving his house, which neighbors said, was guarded by two ferocious dogs. County authorities believe that tales of hidden wealth on the farm, led to the attack. A deputy sheriff who went to the farmhouse to investigate yesterday shot both dogs.

Smith was said to have had a small income from tenement houses in Grand Street, Brooklyn. He bought what supplies he needed from passing peddlers, always returning to the house, neighbors said, to get the money to pay them. Two nephews, Irving W. and Alfred Smith, live in Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn.

Physical Violence Charged in Hazing Trial at Annapolis

Middy Lord, of Honolulu, Accused of Hitting Plebe; Three 4th Class Men Resign Because of Treatment

Special Dispatch to The Tribune ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 16.—Direct physical violence for the first time during the present series of courts martial at the Naval Academy was charged today. Midshipman George M. Lord, of Honolulu, member of the 4th class, was the man accused. He was charged with hazing fourth classmen Wendell B. Allen Jr., of Dewey, Okla. Three specifications were cited in support of the charge.

It is alleged that early in October Allen was ordered to Lord's room by the latter, caused to do physical exercises without authority and whipped with a cane or stick. Lord denied all of these charges on the stand.

There was direct conflict of testimony between Allen and Lord. Midshipmen of different classes testified, however, that they were at the table where Lord is said to have given his

order and heard nothing of it. There were also character witnesses both for Allen and Lord.

Allen testified that Lord had told him to come to the room and had asked him a question. When he failed to answer it he said Lord had ordered him to do "knee bends," a form of physical exercise, and afterward hit him three times with a stick or cane, saying "I like to do this—I like to see you squirm."

Midshipman Paul Jackson, Lord's room mate, called by the defense, said that he did not remember seeing Allen in the room, and when asked if he had ordered a man to do exercise he declined to answer, stating that it might incriminate him.

One of the witnesses who testified to the good reputation and standing of Lord was Charles J. McCarthy, formerly Governor of Hawaii. Miss Helen Plimmer, of Brooklyn, Midshipman Lord's fiancée and her mother, Mrs. W. J. Plimmer, were also present.

Allen has submitted his resignation from the Academy, it being stated that he could not bear his treatment by the upper classes, which is said to have become worse since he made statements upon which upper class men were tried.

The resignation of Midshipman James G. Bonifant, of Powhattan, Va., submitted for similar reasons, was accepted today. At least one other member of the fourth class is known to have resigned for the same cause, and it is believed that others who gave different reasons really resigned on account of the treatment they received.

4. More Named for Cardinals ROME, Nov. 16.—Among the cardinals who will receive the red hat at the Papal consistory December 14 are the Archbishop of Rennes and Toulon, the Bishop of Orleans and Monsignor Mori, secretary of the Congregation of the Council.

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