

FUGITIVE BANKER STILL AT LIBERTY

Chicago Police Fear British Columbia Suspect Is Not Their Man.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—That Paul O. Stensland, president of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue bank, may have been located in British Columbia, British Columbia, and the Chicago police are anxious to get details from the far northwestern city.

Chief Collins and the officials who have been conducting the search for Stensland expanded their search to the receipt of the news from Midway that the report was correct, particularly as the most promising clues discovered in this city led them to believe the fugitive was headed across the northwest border, but later information from Spokane caused their confidence to be shaken.

Theodore Stensland, son of the banker, was visibly affected when informed of the report that his father had been found in British Columbia. His big frame shook, and he displayed more emotion than has been shown at any time since the bank crash which followed his father's flight.

He denied, however, that he had any knowledge of his father's whereabouts. Stensland Bold Crook.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 18.—Bank Examiner Jones in his report to the auditor public accounts on the Milwaukee Avenue State bank of Chicago, which was received by the auditor today and given to the press, estimates the total defalcations thru the manipulation of the affairs of the bank by President Stensland to be \$1,000,000 and possibly more.

He says the closing of the bank was the most remarkable in the history of banking. On his examination of Nov. 15, 1905, everything appeared to be prosperous and satisfactory, but it was developed that in the figures were many questionable and forged notes, the exact amount of which nobody but the president or cashier can determine.

He is of the opinion that Mr. Aisberg, the chief clerk; Frank Kawalski, the assistant paying teller, who has since committed suicide; John Gullis, the receiving teller; and Mr. Edgar, the paying teller, are without doubt the employees of the bank, had guilty knowledge of many things which were not divulged by the directors to him.

Mr. Jones declares that Cashier Hering in swearing to the statement of Jan. 30, 1906, perjured himself to the extent of \$184,839, and in the April statement to the amount of \$20,123. He declares that the cashier, who was the examining committee of the bank never acted in an official capacity and had they done so each member of the two committees would have found the cashier a fraud.

Cashier Hering, he says, denied forging the notes and failing to implicate President Stensland gave him to understand that an Italian named Demario, employed by the bank, had been the guilty party, and that Stensland had given him \$6,000. States Attorney Healy learns that Demario is now in Italy.

Mr. Jones finds that the Steel Ball obligations aggregated \$780,000 and that they will not pay 10 cents on the dollar. The P. O. Stensland paper aggregated \$145,000, but after examination and the paper of the Milwaukee Avenue Co-operative store and its ramifications the sum of \$76,000.

Assets Wiped Out. The capital stock of the bank, amounting to \$250,000, and the surplus and undivided profits of \$300,000, are wiped out, and there is still a deficiency of \$400,000, but the cashier, who was the examining committee of the bank, never acted in an official capacity and had they done so each member of the two committees would have found the cashier a fraud.

Three hundred thousand dollars' worth of Stensland's subdivision notes were shown under the head of "Real Estate." At former examinations these notes were always shown, minus the matured coupon, and the cashier was always informed that the interest had been paid. Now he finds that this was not the case, and that the coupons had been put into a package and kept in the cashier's special box and never exhibited to the examiner on previous examinations. The losses are divided as follows:

Forced and worthless paper, \$468,500; at least questionable paper, if not forged, \$200,000; Steel Ball losses, \$180,000; real-estate losses, \$153,000. The report says that the examination of the banks had been in fine condition, and that the last examinations showed absolutely no suspicious circumstances.

Jones considers it one of the most remarkable examples in banking that crookedness on such a scale could be so concealed, and that over 200 prior to the organization of this bank it is now common report that many crooked things were done by the Stenslands when they conducted a private banking institution.

SEVEN BILLIONS SPENT; GRAVE IN LONDON

People Turn Searchlight on Expenditures of the County Council.

Special Cable to The Journal. London, Aug. 18.—A billion of dollars. How many people understand the significance of these figures? A considerable mathematician recently announced that it would take one person 400 years to count a billion if he kept it up continuously day and night from the date of his birth. An estimate of this one city council in the world that has spent in the brief course of its existence, a matter of a bare eighteen years, over seven billions of dollars! This is nearly a billion per year.

This body of municipal governors is the London county council. Last year alone the council spent over three-quarters of a billion dollars—\$500,000,000 more than the expenditure of the entire imperial government of the British empire.

Holds World's Record. The London county council can certainly claim the record for spending more money than any man or nation in the same length of time. Its debt, according to its latest accounts, is over two and a half billion dollars, or more than one-half of the national debt of the British empire, which has been in existence for 800 years.

The British taxpayer and particularly the Londoner is just waking up to the reality of these enormous and startling figures. And with the awakening there is coming a realization of the Tammany methods of New York.

It was charged at the meeting of the council, held in the first week of this month, that London has far outdone the Tammany methods of New York. The council controller and the official auditor recently reported have severely criticized the methods of finance. So strong has the feeling become that London taxpayers have organized a protective society called the London Municipal Society, of which a distinguished architect, W. G. Toller, is secretary.

Pays High Salaries. Mr. Towler has just compiled a series of interesting reports. For instance, he shows that the London county council pays, by nearly 25 per cent, higher wages to its employees than either the national government or private employers. Taking merely thirteen recent and minor sewer works, he shows that the council spent \$1,500,000 more constructing them than was offered in the highest tenders of public contractors. He also shows that the Tammany council extravagance, the municipal steamboats, lodging houses and other council-conducted affairs are run at a heavy loss.

A long list of statistics indicate that the greatest Tammany council in the world has its finger upon the throat of the taxpayer and that London is the most expensively governed city on the face of the earth.

\$26 for Each Head. Last year alone the council spent over \$119,000,000 or about \$26 per head of population. It is further charged that the council has spent \$100,000,000 and close corporation. The party in the majority, called progressives, run it and its reports, statements and books are so huge and unwieldy that scarcely any auditor can make head or tail of them.

The council has just adjourned for a holiday of two months. The state of middle which its affairs are in is shown by the fact that at its last session lasted only four and a half hours, it would have taken one man thirty-eight hours to read out the details of the business before it. This business was scheduled in an enormous room, 304 feet long, and the council members were seated in rows of benches.

To Build Fine House. The council is about to build a new municipal building at Westminster to rival the houses of parliament. It is to cost something over \$10,000,000. Architects to the number of twenty-seven have been engaged to draw plans for a building which will be guaranteed a fee of \$100,000.

The council, known as "London's parliament," was instituted in 1888, and London was turned into a county for administrative purposes. The area is 680 square miles and the population in round numbers is 7,600,000. The parliament consists of a chairman, nineteen aldermen elected for six years, and 118 councillors elected for three years.

SWIMMER DANIELS SETS NEW RECORD Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—C. M. Daniels of the York Athletic club won the Sackett cup at 100 yards and created a new American record for open water in the 200 yards handicap event here tonight, swimming the distance in 2:28.7. The time is within five seconds of the best world's record.

BOAT FOUND, BUT NO MAN Philip McCreary of Duluth Is Supposed to Be in the Lake. Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18.—Philip McCreary, 24 years old, employed in the advertising department of a local newspaper, is supposed to have been drowned in Spirit Lake while fishing. He left for the lake Wednesday, taking a lunch with him and intending to stay all day. When he did not return, a search party was sent to the lake and found an empty boat floating about. In it was a quantity of fishing tackle, the initials "P. M.," which was identified as having belonged to the missing man. The lake was dragged, but no trace of the body has yet been discovered.

The supposition is that McCreary was standing up in the boat casting when it overturned, a strike he became excited and lost his balance, falling into the lake.

NEW IOWA CEMENT COMPANY. Special to The Journal. Mason City, Iowa, Aug. 18.—Articles of incorporation were filed today for the Iowa Portland Cement company, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000. The officers are: George Nicholson, Iola, Kan., president; A. B. Cockerill, Nevada, Mo., vice president; J. C. Burdick, Chicago, secretary. With these are I. W. Keert, Mason City; S. L. Avery, Chicago, and L. E. Northrop of Iola, Kan., as directors. Who plan the erection of a mill here.

LATEST EUROPEAN NEWS

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King Alfonso, Shrewd Business Man, Booms Sherry Wine During Stay at Cowes—Bryan Center of Attraction in Paris—Americans Leave England by the Thousands—Yankee "Meanness" Condemned by Many.

Alfonso Booms Sherry During Visit at Cowes

London, Aug. 18.—One week ago there appeared a rumor that King Alfonso of Spain had his eye on a place at Cowes as an English residence for himself and his queen. It is now understood that this is the beautifully situated and romantically-looking Norris castle, fronting the Solent and whose swans and woodcock are to be the Osborne demesne. It is said to be not unlikely he will lease or may purchase this property outright for his summer residence during future yachting seasons.

Norris castle has been vacant for more than a twelvemonth, but it was for a time rented by Mr. Richards, a wealthy American, better known perhaps as the father of the late Mrs. Craigie, known to novel-readers as John Oliver Hobbes, who died suddenly the other day.

Queen Victoria Wanted It. Before King Alfonso took Sheep Hill castle, his present residence at Cowes, it was long the property of the dukes of Bedford. Its delightful situation roused the girlish enthusiasm of the late Queen Victoria in the earliest year of her married life, and a big effort was made to purchase the palace as a royal residence. Negotiations came to nothing, however, as the then Duchess of Bedford was firm in her refusal to give up her charming retreat even to her young and romantic sovereign.

It was then that the Osborne house property was purchased with its old square, stuccoed mansion, which was subsequently pulled down and the present building erected from designs which were influenced by the methods of actually the work of the prince consort.

Alfonso a Wine Merchant. King Alfonso this week has been receiving more publicity in the press on a practical and commercial imagination which has made him turn his visit to England to account as a means of pushing the interests and renown of sherry wine. It is said the world has never seen any sovereign, and one so young, too, so quick to seize the opportunities of combining pleasures with business as Alfonso is doing in carrying his national wine in his pocket for the purposes of advertisement.

He has taken his sherry to Scotland with him and it now appears that at all dinners and parties given by him at Cowes, sherry occupied a prominent place in the menu. Out of a selection of eight or nine brands he has chosen only sherry, and as the wine was of an unusually fine quality, it attracted a good deal of attention.

Would Revive Old Trade. King Edward complimented Alfonso upon possessing such wine, saying he had not tasted such excellent sherry for many years. Alfonso, in turn, complimented King Edward on his knowledge of the wine. Alfonso preferred sherry to any other kind of wine because in his opinion it was more palatable and better for the health.

The manufacture of sherry was, moreover, essentially a Spanish industry, and he felt that it was his duty to what he could to revive in both Spain and England the old and famous trade, which had not been too prosperous in recent years. Long ago men came to England to buy sherry, and when anyone had called it was brought out with biscuits. Now women drink nothing but tea in the afternoon and the hotels of London have been almost monopolized by Americans. The Ritz, in its first season, has been catering to a great American clientele.

The Cecil, favorite American stopping place, has had its usual patronage from the states. The Carlton in the last two months has had so many American patrons that sometimes apartments were obtained for them in other hotels.

The Metropole and the First Avenue have been crowded. Residents of London say that about Russell square more and more Americans are being packed at the hotels in that district with Americans.

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LOVE FOR WATERMELON MAKES JOHN D. SICK. Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 18.—John D. Rockefeller fell for watermelon caused him to suffer from cholera morbus Friday. He remained in bed all day, disappointing fifty passenger agents of the Erie railroad, who had been invited to spend a few hours at Forest Hill.

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RUINED BY POLITICS Chicago Wholesale Merchant's Failure Attributed to Public Work. Chicago, Aug. 18.—Politics has spelled business failure for H. R. Eagle, proprietor of the wholesale and retail grocery concern of H. R. Eagle & Co. He was forced into bankruptcy today.

Two years ago Mr. Eagle entered politics, together with several other business men of prominence who believed that "it is the duty of every reputable citizen to take an active part in public affairs."

KING A WINE BOOSTER



KING ALFONSO, Spanish Ruler Who Is Creating a Demesne in England for Sherry Wine.

Exodus of Americans Shows Invasion Great

London, Aug. 18.—How great has been the "American invasion" this summer has never been so fully realized as now, when the scramble to get home has begun. The exodus next week will be greater.

Inquiry at tourist agencies elicits the fact that all accommodation on ocean liners sailing from Liverpool is booked until early in October and Americans are swarming back from the continent and visiting London and the most interesting of the English villages before sailing.

The number of Americans who have been rushing thru what we call the home counties of Middlesex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent and Surrey, this week has been enormous.

These counties probably present a greater number of places worth visiting than all of the rest of England put together. Windsor, Kingston-on-Thames, Hampton Court, Eitham, Greenwich, Rummymede, Stubbans, Richmond, Kenilworth, Stratford-on-Avon and Hatfield are all remarkable in English history and all within easy run of London.

There are the ivy-mantled church of St. Giles, the antique towers of Eton, Edmontown, where John Gilpin was reported to have dined but did not eat, Strawberry Hill, where Jennie Deans saw the Duke of York, all within easy reach of the city.

On one afternoon Americans have been found "doing" Burnham Beeches and Windsor or Enfield or Waltham. One of the favorite American stopping places, has had its usual patronage from the states. The Carlton in the last two months has had so many American patrons that sometimes apartments were obtained for them in other hotels.

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Bryan, in Gay Paree, Kicks Up a Ripple

Paris, Aug. 18.—It is a veritable dog-day season in Paris at present, and several of the poor dogs are affected perhaps more than human beings by the continued hot and humid weather. The dog hospital and veterinary establishments are now filled with being cared for while their masters and mistresses are at summer resorts.

The only ripple on the calm surface of the social sea during the week has been caused by visiting Americans, especially by the Bryan party. The Hotel Continental is even more crowded than usual as a result of influx of Americans drawn there by Mr. Bryan as a special attraction.

Soon after Mr. Bryan arrived at the hotel, the clerks suddenly perceived an unusual activity. There were numerous calls for Mr. Bryan. It was a case of cards being presented for Bryan, Bryan, all the time.

One of the clerks asked: "Who is this Monsieur Breang?" for whom everybody is asking? When he was informed that Mr. Bryan might possibly be the next president of the United States, he immediately appreciated the situation.

"Boil Your Water." Paris' water supply is gradually dwindling, and the usual injunction, "Boil your drinking water," appears in the press. There is some prospect that the floodgates of the Seine may be turned into mains if the regular spring-water supply runs short.

Experiments are being made in Paris with a plan to spread tar on the sidewalks to prevent the dust from being blown up on many important avenues, but the increasing use of automobiles prompts the effort to make greater use of the United States.

The project is to treat all streets not paved with stone blocks.

Yankees Branded Mean for Economical Habits. London, Aug. 18.—No little annoyance has been caused American visitors by the publication in newspapers about their alleged meanness, how they sleep in the best hotels but take their meals at cheap restaurants, never drinking anything but "the good of the house," and never dreaming of tipping servants.

No doubt it is true in some cases that they do not give tips, but by so doing they are only aiding Englishmen to accomplish what they, as a rule, would like to see, namely, the abolition of tipping.

Not all caterers, however, do not consider American visitors stingy by any means. As a Benoit, manager of Princess, said: "Many Americans are extremely close, but that is from no economic motive. Americans, as a rule, drink less at meals than the English."

Another restaurant manager said it was true that Americans often drank nothing more than ice water with their food, but he added that he knew many who would have a bottle of champagne before lunch and brandies and sodas afterward, ice water with their dinner and then wind up the evening with champagne.

GRAIN RATES ARE OUT BY THREE BIG ROADS. Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo Make 10 Per Cent Reduction Voluntarily.

Late yesterday the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo lines filed with the state grain and warehouse commission notice of a 10 per cent reduction in grain rates. The reductions will apply to all territory more than forty miles distant from the terminals and includes practically all of the territory in which grain is raised.

The three roads named made a proposition recently to the railroad and warehouse commission, offering to reduce grain rates 10 per cent if the commission would suspend the pending hearing on merchandise rates.

The commission declined to accept the proposition and later, on suggestion of Governor Johnson, gave notice of an inquiry into the grain rates. The three roads then voluntarily filed their notice of a reduction.

ENTRANCING BRIDGE ENSNARES AGED WOMAN

Lady Macclesfield, 85, Starts to Play the Popular Game.

Special Cable to The Journal. London, Aug. 18.—Perhaps the most wonderful woman in England just now is the Countess of Macclesfield. In the United States, one is said to be too good to be true. The Countess, an English lady of late men have cut the age down to 35. Yet "Lady Mac" as the aged countess is familiarly called, seems 85 years enough to start a new whirl of excitement in her life. She has just learned bridge, and is rapidly becoming an ardent player as well in her own special society as in any other.

The countess' huge family are not quite sure that they like it, for bridge devotees usually start playing after luncheon and keep it up until the early hours of the morning. Sessions of ten or twelve hours, with more half hours for meals or refreshments, are not an unusual thing. But the countess is not doing the morning. She is going on merrily with the fascinating game.

Remarkable Woman. She has had a remarkable career, this octogenarian noblewoman. She was Lady Mary Frances Grosvenor, second daughter of the second Marquis of Westminster, who later was raised to a dukedom. She was, luckily for herself, the second wife of the Earl of Macclesfield. One of the strangest legends in the history of British peerages is woven about the Earls of Macclesfield a great story of the Earl of Macclesfield. One of the strangest legends in the history of British peerages is woven about the Earls of Macclesfield.

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In Foochow posters meet the eye everywhere advertising the opening of another school and scarcely a week passes without the announcement of another one. They now have a normal school with 800 pupils, a military school with 250 students, and a school for deaf and dumb with 100 pupils.

These advanced schools are equipped from Japan, the people of that country having sent men to study the Chinese school question with a view to supplying them with whatever they might seem to need.

Fine Gift for Japs. The result has been that the Japs have worked up a large business and are sending cheap but good and useful school equipment to China by the shipload. This includes gymnasium supplies, military school supplies, scientific apparatus and even modern musical instruments.

The Japanese are making a commercial harvest out of it and, of course, are doing all they can to hasten the modernization of the Chinese. They will say the United States could easily get a share of the business if the American makers of school supplies would send competent people over there to study the situation, so our manufacturers could make goods such as the Japs have ascertained the Chinese will buy.

MASSON QUAY APPRECIATES HIS WORK IN BEHALF OF A FEDERAL BUILDING. Special to The Journal. Mason City, Iowa, Aug. 18.—A banquet to honor the people of Congressmen Haugen has been set for Aug. 22, the former date originally made, was not acceptable to him. The banquet will be at the Charles Hotel and covers will be laid for 150. Several local speakers will compliment the congressman on the good work done for the city in getting a public building, and Haugen will make an address dealing the political issues in the campaign.

TOLEDO, IOWA, MAN DEFEATS BLATHERWICK IN TENNIS FINALS. Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 18.—W. E. Hayes of Toledo, Iowa, this afternoon again won the championship in the Tri-State tennis tournament here by defeating W. E. Blatherwick of Rockwell, Iowa, 2-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Hayes won the cup last year and in this match defended it against the winner of all other matches in the tournament.

THIRST FOR SCHOOLS SEIZES THE CHINESE

Modern Charts Now Hang in Ancient Buddhist Temples—Japs Get Rich.

Washington, Aug. 18.—"All China is at present clamoring for western knowledge! Such is the tenor of all the reports received by the state department from the yellow empire. Everywhere in China schools are springing up to teach the people the lore of the foreign devils, who, devils they may be, still have disgustingly successful methods, as may be perceived by any one having the opportunity to observe what Japan did to Russia."

In the single city of Foochow schools are now more than thirty native schools advertising to teach after the foreign mode and equipped with foreign apparatus.

Vice Consul Arnold of Foochow writes that it is no uncommon sight to see a group of modern desks encircling the case of a dusty old Buddhist image in what was once a temple, while the walls are hung with charts dealing with geology, botany, zoology, anatomy, etc., and with maps of the country.

There will also be blackboards with chalk and erasers, and a globe and other equipment commonly to be found in a school in the United States.

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