

DAWES WANTS LAW TO LIMIT LOANS TO BANK DIRECTORS.

Says Abuse of Power Is Responsible for a Large Number of Failures of National Banks—Other Recommendations.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The annual report of Charles G. Dawes, Comptroller of the Currency, for the year ended October 31, 1900, has been prepared for transmission to Congress.

The report starts with a summary of the reports made during the year by the national banks in response to the call of the Comptroller, which shows the aggregate resources of the 8,571 national banks reporting on September 5, 1900, to be \$3,048,138,469.21.

In the review of the operations of national banks under the currency act of March 11, 1900, the report shows that, out of approximately 1,000 informal applications for authority to organize national banks, filed in anticipation of and as a result of the law,

20 have been made formal, and have been approved by the Comptroller between March 14 and October 31, 1900. From the 57 formal applications came 345 actual organizations of banks between March 14 and October 31.

The total increase in the circulation, secured by the government, and the total amount of national bank notes in circulation, has been \$2,654,250.

In compliance with the requirements of section 223, providing that the Comptroller shall suggest amendments for the improvement of the banking law, he first calls attention to the fact that under section 2 of the act of July 12, 1882, under which extensions of national bank charters may be granted by the Comptroller, he is limited to one extension of twenty years.

Without additional legislation authorizing a further extension, a bank desiring to continue in business under the national system, whose corporate existence has been extended to one extension of twenty years, at the expiration of the period of its extension and reorganization as a new association.

This course will render necessary the complete winding up of the affairs of the expiring bank, the retirement of its circulation, the withdrawal of its funds, and the issue of new certificates of authority by the Comptroller, with a distinctively new title and charter number, as is at present the case with an entirely new organization.

The most important recommendation made by the Comptroller, and that which is the chief feature of the report, is one for additional restrictions upon loans to directors and officers of banks. The Comptroller states that the large percentage of bank failures, attributable to excessive loans to directors and officers, which amounted to \$2,629,000, or 11 per cent of the total failures of national banks, led him to a careful investigation as to the directors' loans now outstanding in the national banks of the country.

The investigation showed that on June 29, 1900, the date of the Comptroller's call for a statement from the directors and officers of 26,759 directors of national banks in the country 15,341 were directly or indirectly indebted to national banks under their management.

The aggregate sum owed by these 15,341 borrowing directors and 4,229 officers and employees who were not directors was \$202,257,441. As the capital stock of the national banks of the country on June 29 was \$21,536,361, it follows that the direct and indirect liability of directors and officers amounted to 23.5 per cent, or about one-third the capital management amounted to 7.5 per cent of the total loans and discounts of the national system.

While these tables do not necessarily indicate that national banking officers and directors, as a whole, abuse their privilege, and many of these directors' loans are among the safest owned by the creditor banks, the Comptroller believes the tables show clearly the great importance of a properly framed law imposing additional restrictions and safeguards around these loans, in which the experience of the banking system teaches the most direct danger of the improper and lax use of banking funds.

In formulating provisions of law restricting loans to executive officers and directors, it is important not to make them so unreasonably as to drive from such service the active, responsible, and honest business men of the country. The problem is to devise such restrictions for the safety of the depositors as will discourage improper loans to directors while not injuring the depositors by discouraging them from the assumption of the duties of bank directorship by the active and responsible members of the community.

Primarily, the law should have in view the safety of the depositors, and it should be recognized that their safety is as much endangered by the passage of a law which would drive good directors from the service as by the existence of a law which does not sufficiently restrict the opportunity of dishonest directors to abuse the powers of the position.

It seems plain to the Comptroller that any law upon this subject should make a distinction between the restrictions to be imposed upon directors who are not officers which will not involve as much of a delay in the making of loans to the executive officers of a bank, since the latter have the greater opportunity and latitude in the making of loans to the use of trust funds.

In other words, the proportion of their assets which the country banks of the United States can loan to any one individual, is forty-six one-hundredths of 1 per cent greater than in 200 common cities. In the case of one-hundredths of 1 per cent greater than in St. Louis, over twice as great as in Chicago, and nearly three times as great as in the city of New York.

This provision, as it stands at present, suggests an inquiry as to the safety of the assets of the banks in smaller communities, where the larger loans which are made are the most difficult to secure, while in the larger business centers of the country, where commercial loans are made, a certain demand, both from banks and borrowers, for large and safe loans, is felt.

The Comptroller states that in his judgment the present provision, when properly altered, should allow the banks of larger communities to have more nearly the proportion of loaning a given per cent of their total assets to one individual, which now belongs under a strict compliance with the law, to the banks of the smaller communities. From this privilege they are now debarred.

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MISSING SINCE THURSDAY. James Aswick Disappears Under Peculiar Circumstances.

James Aswick, a peddler of vegetables, disappeared last Thursday and has not been seen since. When last he was in his possession about \$5 in cash and his friends fear that he may have met with foul play. Others believe that he was the victim of some violence and believe that he will show up in a few days.

Wife and Friends Mysteriously Continued Absence. No tidings have yet been received of Conrad Kratz, who disappeared from his home, No. 213 Gravois avenue, last Monday. Not the slightest trace of the man has yet been discovered by his wife or relatives, and in spite of an anxious search they can find no cause for his absence.

Reduction From Three to One-Fifth. It is, therefore, recommended that section 312 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so that under its provisions, but one-fifth instead of three-fifths of the reserve of 15 per cent required by law to be kept by banks not reserve agents may consist of balances due to reserve banks, and that section 305 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which authorizes banks in smaller reserve cities to keep one-half of their lawful reserve in balances in central reserve cities, be repealed.

Should Hold More Cash. It is the recommendation of the Comptroller that the exchange business of the interior banks will always necessitate large deposit balances in New York and other reserve cities, and that at certain seasons of the year, the normally large balances of file funds may be transferred to different parts of the country, allowing higher interest rates. But it is suggested that public policy demands that banks of the country should not be

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POLICE INVESTIGATING. Isaac Remington Found Dead Under Peculiar Circumstances. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Decatur, Ill., Nov. 25.—Isaac Remington, a carpenter, aged 35 years, was found dead to-day in his room in a boarding-house on North Broadway. He was last seen Thursday.

Extraordinary Watch Sale. This week only, great reduction for cash on all watches at Mermel & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

DUBUQUE ARCHDIOCESE. Archbishop Keane Says the Situation Is Unchanged. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Dubuque, Ia., Nov. 25.—The report that the erection of the See of Sioux City has been ordered is characterized by Archbishop Keane as "utterly without foundation."

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VENEZUELA BUYS GUNS. Ten Thousand Mousers and 3,000,000 Cartridges Received. Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 25.—The Venezuelan Government has received from Germany 10,000 Mouser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges.

SPECIALTIES. 6,500,000 CAPITAL AND SURPLUS. Mississippi Valley Trust Co.

DEATHS. COLLINS—Mrs. Margaret Collins (nee Miller), beloved wife of the late Lewis Miller, mother of Nellie, Katie, Mrs. Maggie Walsh and Mrs. John Barrett, on Sunday, November 25, 1900, at 10:30 a. m., at her residence, No. 1821 Bellvue avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Burial in Calvary cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

DALEY—On Sunday, November 25, 1900, at 1:15 p. m., Ellen Daley, beloved wife of Samuel Daley, mother of Daniel and William Daley, Mrs. P. Keller and Mrs. J. Condon. The funeral will take place Tuesday, 27th inst., at 8:30 a. m., from residence of her daughter, Mrs. P. Keller, No. 2829 Cass avenue, to St. Leo's church, thence to Calvary cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

DOUGLASS—On Saturday, November 24, 1900, at 10:30 a. m., Margaret Tackberry, beloved wife of the late John Tackberry, at 283 Westminster place, at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

EICHLE—Sunday, November 25, 1900, at 4:30 p. m., Augustus Eichle, aged 72 years, at his residence, No. 2829 Cass avenue, to St. Leo's church, thence to Calvary cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

MALONEY—Entered into rest, Sunday, November 25, 1900, at 2:30 p. m., after a brief illness, Mrs. Ellen Maloney, beloved wife of the late John Maloney, mother of Mrs. M. H. Maloney and Mrs. M. J. Maloney, at 254 Rutger street, to St. Xavier's church, thence to Calvary cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

MANNING—Entered into rest on Saturday, November 24, 1900, at 8 a. m., our beloved son and brother, Joseph Manning. Funeral Monday, November 25, at 2 p. m., from residence, 917 North Eighteenth street, to St. Elizabeth's church, thence to St. Peter and Paul's cemetery.

MCGILL—November 25, 1900, suddenly, James W. McGill, beloved husband of Sophie McGill (nee Lullman), aged 67 years. Funeral from residence, No. 3162 Adams street, Tuesday 1:30 p. m. Late morning of Monday, November 26, at 10:30 a. m., from St. Adolph's church, Cornsboro Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Mentor Council, R. A., Brotherhood Local Engineers.

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RAMPSON—Friday, November 23, 1900, at 11:20 p. m., of apoplexy, Elijah N. Rampson, aged 78 years. Funeral from the residence of his son, Clark H. Rampson, No. 845 Westminster place, Monday, November 26, at 2 p. m., to St. Peter and Paul's church, thence to St. Peter and Paul's cemetery.

SCHLESINGER—Solomon Schlesinger, dearly beloved husband of Sarah Schlesinger, died at the age of 65 years. The funeral will take place Monday, November 26, at 3 p. m., from the residence, No. 711 North Marsh street.

TACKBERRY—On Sunday, November 25, 1900, at 10:30 a. m., Margaret Tackberry, beloved wife of the late John Tackberry, aged 82 years 9 months. The funeral will take place Tuesday, 27th inst., at 8:30 o'clock a. m., from family residence, 182 Brookly street, to St. Adolph's church, thence to Calvary cemetery. Funeral private.

THE ABOVE COMMISSION HAS ACCEPTED, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, THE NEW STATE BUILDING AT LITTLE ROCK.

O. C. LUDWIG, Sec. ROBERT M. HANCOCK, ALFRED H. CARRIGAN, GEORGE R. MANN, Architect. CHARLES GORDON NEWMAN, GOV. DAN W. JONES, Chairman. GEORGE W. MURPHY.

In honor of this historic event the citizens of Little Rock and the entire State of Arkansas will hold a celebration lasting an

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