

THE PRESIDENT'S LOANS

To Personal Friends Wreck the Washington Bank.

\$50,000 DRAFT ON "A HOOK."

Reckless Methods Employed by the President and Carelessness of the Directors, Bring Out the "Will Not Open" Sign.

New York, March 23.—Official announcement was made to-day of the Washington National Bank at No. 1 Broadway could not open its doors to-morrow. The bank's resources have been loaned out by the President to two friends and the discovery of its condition was accidentally made.

The bank is not a member of the Clearing House Association but clears through the Clearing House Bank. Under a new rule in effect on January 1, the banks clearing in this way must submit their accounts to examination by the Clearing House. To-day, Bank Examiner Hepburn representing the Clearing House appeared at the Washington Bank to examine its affairs.

It is said that Mr. Sylvia has promised to make this draft good to-morrow. The bank had a capital of \$300,000 and deposits of \$600,000. The only officers present when the bank failed were the President and the directors. The bank was not a member of the Clearing House Association but clears through the Clearing House Bank.

The President had gone away no one knew where. No one had been given notice that his institution would no longer clear for the Washington Bank. This news prevented any attempt being made to make up the losses.

Director Tikhman said: "The bank will not open to-morrow. It will be placed in charge of Bank Examiner Hepburn, and most probably will be closed. I am not sure that every depositor will be paid in full."

Cashier Granger said that the developments were a surprise to both himself and the directors. He said that he had seen nothing about the details of the method by which the funds were withdrawn.

Edward Horner arrested. A New York banker who has been swindling with foreign bonds.

New York, March 23.—Edward Horner, of the firm of E. H. Horner & Co., bankers on Wall street, and Edmund Furst and Jacob Traub, agents of the firm, were arrested Saturday on the charge of having swindled a number of persons out of foreign Government bonds to the value of \$1,600 to \$2,000.

Horne has amassed a fortune out of his swindling schemes, especially in the west. In Chicago his receipts from \$3,000 a week amount to \$200 a month. In St. Louis his receipts were about \$5,000 to \$10,000 a month. Last January an agent was arrested in St. Louis, and was bailed out. Horner may be sent there on a requisition.

Bridge and Iron Works Failures. Milwaukee, Wis., March 23.—The Milwaukee Bridge and Iron Works, of which Messrs. Keppers and Bidden were the principal stockholders, assigned this morning. The bond of Hamilton Town send, the assignee, was fixed at \$200,000 and the liabilities are reported at about that sum. It is claimed the assets will cover the liabilities. Slow collections caused the failure.

Will Give the Bank a Chance. Washington, March 23.—Mr. Lacey, Controller of the currency will delay the appointment of a Receiver for the Keystone National Bank of Philadelphia for several days in order to give the stockholders opportunity to resume business.

The Assets are Zero. Louisville, Ky., March 23.—The grand jury will investigate the failure of Schwartz & Co., bankers, and criminal prosecution is to follow. The assets now turn to nothing.

Another Bank Failed. York, Pa., March 23.—Scall & Donnan bankers have assigned. It is a complete failure, the liabilities far exceeding the assets.

A NEW DISEASE. Chicago, March 23.—La grippe, pneumonia and the veral equinox jointly did deadly work in Chicago last week. The footings show that 504 persons died during the week, the major portion of them of lung disease. Pneumonia claimed 170; grippe, 119; bronchitis 81; diphtheria, 23; scarlet fever, 11; typhoid fever, 15; consumption, 1. A new lung disease carried off 238. Last week the death list was 704. The rate per thousand was 31, almost unprecedented in the history of the city.

THEIR GUILT DISCOVERED. A Pair of Gully Lovers Apprehended by Keeping Co. Des Moines, Iowa, March 23.—I. S. Hutton, a man forty years of age, and of high social and business standing, and a woman whose name is given as Mrs. Russell, of Kansas City, were found dead this morning in a room on Walnut street. They were apprehended by escaping gas. They are said to have been lovers, but the woman married Russell during a lover's picnic with Hutton. Their liaison is said to have been of long standing. Mrs. Russell is said to have occupied a high social position in Kansas City.

He Will, Will, Will! Minneapolis, Minn., March 23.—A statement appears in the Tribune here, believed to be from ex-Senator Peter, new editor of that paper, that Senator Edmunds expects to resign before the next meeting of the Senate.

Seap for Southern Cities. Houston, Texas, March 23.—The biggest soap manufacturing concern in the world has been organized here. The corporation will have a capital of \$15,000,000, and proposes to establish plants to cost from \$50,000 to \$300,000 in New Orleans, New York, and other Southern cities in the cotton belt.

THE GREAT COKE STRIKE

Efforts to be Made by Operators to Start their Ovens.

THE NUMBER NOW WORKING

Hungarians Coming in to Take the Striker's Places. Families Living off the Defense Fund.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 23.—This may be a decisive week in the coke strike as a number of operators have announced their determination to start at the 10 per cent reduction. Operator Cochran at Dawson, made his start this morning with partial success. Vigorous efforts will be made to resume the Morewood plant of the Southwest Coal and Coke Co., and other small operators will follow.

Many families are living entirely on the funds of the organization, some \$12,000 having already been distributed, and National President Rie is here with more funds. A carload of fifty Hungarians were shipped to Mt. Pleasant today, where it is understood that they will be set to work at one of the coke works in an attempt to break the strike. The Executive Board met to-night and decided to continue the strike.

Preparations have been made for a resumption of the Duquesne Furnace Company's plant of 330 ovens; Reed Bros., 74 ovens, and Mahoning, 100 ovens, which will make a total of 1,832 ovens. The Frick and McClure Companies, controlling the balance of the ovens, have made no sign.

ELECTION CASES DECIDED. The United States Supreme Court Dismissed the Case Against Clark Brewer.

Washington, March 23.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day decided the case of the United States versus Clark Brewer et al., which comes on a certificate of division of opinion among the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the western district of Tennessee.

Brewer and others were election officers and were indicted under a Federal statute for refusing or neglecting, after election, to open the ballot boxes at the place where the election was held, or for failing to read aloud the names of the voters, these being requirements of the law of Tennessee.

The indictment did not allege fraud or intent to defraud, nor that the election was affected by the action of Brewer and his colleagues. The lower Court submitted eight questions as to the validity of the indictment.

Justice Brewer said in an opinion by Justice Brewer holds that the indictment was bad and answers five of the questions in favor of the election officers and does not answer the remaining questions.

WHAT THEY WANT. The African Editorial Committee Issues its Claims to President Harrison.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The committee of the Afro-American Press Association to-day presented to the President an address pressing the general claims for prominent positions in the Columbian World's Fair Commission, and also to suggest the propriety of selecting a Negro jurist to fill a place in the Federal Judiciary.

The President said there were no vacancies in the World's Fair Commission, but if it becomes possible and the proper man was presented he would make the appointment. Concerning the request that a colored man be appointed to the bench the President asked if the delegation had a man thoroughly versed in the law and who had arrived at that eminence in practice which would entitle him to an appointment as a circuit judge.

The committee said they had many such and promised to present them.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY. No Jury Obtained in the Kincaid Murder Case.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—In the Criminal Court this morning Charles E. Kincaid pleaded "not guilty" to the indictment for the murder of ex-Congressman Taggart. The work of preparing a jury was then proceeded with, with a measure of success, seven having been obtained before the noon recess.

In the afternoon the jury box was filled, and the work of challenging began. Under the District law the Government is entitled to five and the defense to twenty peremptory challenges. After one challenge by the Government and two by the defense without completing the formation of a jury the court adjourned.

West Virginia Penalties. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

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Another Will Maintains the Position. Washington, D. C., March 23.—Secretary Foster to-day announced that the policy of the Treasury Department begun by Assistant Secretary Nettleton in declining to furnish gold bars for shipment had been adhered to, and the necessary instructions issued by the directors of the mint.

Secretary Blaine Signs the Grant. Washington, March 23.—Secretary Blaine is in good health with the exception of a slight touch of the gout. This necessarily confines him to his home, but does not interfere in the least with the dispatch of public business requiring his attention.

Secretary Blaine's Wife Very Sick. Washington, March 23.—Private Secretary Halford has been called to the bedside of his wife who is now in Florida and whose health for months past has been poor. She is now growing rapidly worse. Her illness is considered of a very serious nature and fears are expressed for her recovery.

Sherman's Homeless to Be Sold. New York, March 23.—The house where Gen. Wm. T. Sherman died is to pass out of the hands of the Sherman family. P. T. Sherman has been instructed with full authority to dispose of the house.

Clay King in Court. Memphis, Tenn., March 23.—Col. H. Clay King, the slayer of David Poston, was arraigned. Col. King pleaded "Not Guilty." Judge Dyal set the case for April 6.

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