

BANKERS WORRIED

San Franciscans May Be Prosecuted Case to Be Laid Before District Attorney

Officials of United Bank and Trust Company May Be Liable to Criminal Action—Charges of Misappropriation of Money

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—The board of bank commissioners this afternoon directly charged the officials of the United Bank and Trust company with serious violations of the law and it is openly stated tonight that the case of the officers of the institution will be laid before the district attorney with a view to possible criminal proceedings.

The commissioners had a lengthy conference today with the bank officials, who were endeavoring to secure permission to resume business. Promises were given that every tangled would be straightened; that all deficits would be made good and that the bank would reopen business with a surplus cash, capital. The commission took the matter under advisement and later refused the bank permission to reopen its doors. The commission declared that deceit had been perpetrated on the board and the public in the matter of assets, and that there had been a number of distinct violations of the law. The findings of the commission were summed up as follows: "That in violation of law promissory notes have been taken in part payment of stock subscriptions.

"That the monies of the bank have been illegally misappropriated. That dividends have been paid out of the capital stock instead of the net profits in violation of law. "That the corporation has advertised as the amount of the paid in capital stock \$212,575, which is a sum almost double the amount that has in fact been paid in.

"That the same false statement has been made to this board. "That in the opinion of this board the values of the assets of the bank are far less than the face value of such assets." Deputy Attorney General Sturtevant, who is assisting the commission, said that the money misappropriated was \$200,000 paid to the president for promoting the bank. He stated that the sum of \$50,000, which figured as an asset, was an investment in the bonds of an abstract company in Oakland whose chief assets were a set of books containing searches of titles of real estates. The bank officials were tonight in secret session considering the developments of the day and plans for the future.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the bank officials it was stated that Frank Meyer had resigned as president but retained his directorship. Some directors resigned, namely, H. Bendel, J. C. Law and J. H. Matthews. I. Freeman was elected president; L. H. Moise, first vice president; William Heilick, second vice president. The officials elected tonight were men. Some of the directors said the branches of the bank would either be sold to a new company or be reorganized under a new name with the same management.

It was announced that the main office might be moved tomorrow morning, but by what method was not made clear.

MEN FOR COAST DEFENSE

Secretary Taft Will Recommend Increase in Number of Artillerymen for This Purpose

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Secretary Taft will recommend to congress an increase in the number of the artillerymen in the army in order that there shall be a sufficient number of men to man the forts and care for the coast defenses.

It is not expected that there will be any reduction in the estimates of the war department, but as the expense of the army cannot be decreased and additional appropriations are necessary to continue the fortifications in the insular possessions. Although it is expected that no estimates will be made for a general river and harbor bill, the regular estimates for the continuing contracts will not be diminished.

KILLED BY THE RAILROADS

Statistics Show 886 Dead and 13,793 Injured in Year Ended June 30, 1905

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—During the twelve months ended June 30, 1905, 886 persons were killed and 13,793 injured as the result of accidents on railroad trains, according to a report of the interstate commerce commission, issued today. Comparison with 1904 shows an increase of eleven killed and 4123 injured among passengers and employees, the increase in killed being wholly among passengers, while the number of employees killed shows a decrease of 106. There were 1131 collisions and 1535 derailments, of which 163 collisions and 168 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$2,410,617.

Berkeley Contractor Killed

By Associated Press. BERKELEY, Oct. 23.—Stewart Quackenbush, a Berkeley contractor, was instantly killed this afternoon by falling from the roof of the paint works at Shell Mound. He struck on his head and his neck was broken.

To Expand San Jose

By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, Oct. 23.—A petition signed by 1200 voters calling for an election to determine the extension of the city limits, was presented to the mayor and common council at this evening's meeting.

PRESIDENT ROYALLY GREETED

City Makes Holiday Occasion of the Visit of Mr. Roosevelt

Places of Business Closed and Citizens of All Classes Assemble to Honor Nation's Chief. Forty Thousand Hear Him Speak

By Associated Press. MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 23.—That peace hath her victories no less renowned than war was never better exemplified than in the reception of President Roosevelt during his two hours' stay in Mobile this evening. There was general closing of all business houses, and along the route of the procession from the Union station to the stand on Bienville square, where the reception ceremonies took place, the residences and stores were covered with decorations of lights and bunting in the national colors. The route lay out Government street, one of the most noted drives in the south, for ten blocks, passing the homes of some of Mobile's most influential citizens, her chief educational institutions and one of her historic churches. The sidewalks and streets along Government street were packed with humanity, and at McGill institute, Barton academy and one or two other points hundreds of children were massed, who sang national anthems and songs as the procession passed. Cheer after cheer rent the air. The procession was headed by a platoon of police, followed by military bands and companies of artillery from Fort Morgan and the cadets of the university military school. Behind the young boys came the battle-scarred veterans of Raphael Semmes and John Withers camp, U. C. V., as guard of honor to the president.

Forty Thousand Hear Speech

The stand was erected on Bienville square, facing the square, which long before the president arrived was filled with a struggling crowd of citizens. It was brilliant with electric lights, and overhead the magnificent grove of oaks formed a canopy of green. It is estimated that by the time the president began his address there was a crowd numbering 40,000 people within the sound of his voice. He appeared to be overwhelmed with pleasure at the spontaneity of his welcome. His seat was on an elevated dais in front of which was built by the students of a technical school in Japan. Back of the chair was an enormous stuffed bear, eight feet tall, bearing in its mouth a floral independence bell and above its head a white dove holding a streamer on which was the inscription "Blessed is the peacemaker." The bear was killed on a hunting expedition by Emperor Alexander II of Russia in 1857.

SENATOR NEWLANDS TALKS ON PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS

DECLARES PEOPLE IN GREAT NEED OF HELP

Says Conditions in Islands Are Much Depressed, but American Government Should Take Much Care as to Manner in Which It Gives Aid

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—United States Senator Newlands of Nevada, who returned today from a visit to the Philippine islands and the orient, has made the following statement regarding conditions in the Philippines: "The Philippines are very attractive and the people are interesting and capable of much development. The commission is conscientiously working out the problems of good government with a single eye to the advancement and prosperity of the Filipino people. It retains the impression that upon it when governor general and which he emphasized in a series of speeches exceptional in their strength and elevation of character. But the difficulties are great. The Philippines are passing through a depression unparalleled in their history, caused by a succession of calamities—the war, the rinderpest, which destroyed their caribou; the surra, which destroyed their horses and mules; the cholera, the locusts and the typhoons. The islands are very fertile and the revenue is not sufficient to accomplish what the government has set out to do.

The sugar and tobacco interests are languishing. The suggestion of the administration is to restore these by giving the islands the United States markets for their products. I am not convinced that this is the best method. The sugar industry is suffering because of the calamities I have mentioned and because of the primitive methods of production. Our tariff duty on raw sugar, which is nearly 100 per cent, has doubled the price of raw sugar to American consumers. The Philippines can get only \$40 per ton for their sugar in the world's markets, but in our markets, with the duty off, they can get \$75 per ton. It is best for us to subsidize the Filipino sugar planters by giving them this extra price at the cost of the American taxpayers, or would it be better to aid them in securing, through agricultural banks or otherwise, the means of so reforming their methods as to enable them to accept the world's price? The commission is fully capable of carrying out this latter policy and I believe that it would be much better to give the Philippines direct aid in the shape of a loan of our credit for this purpose rather than to attempt the method of giving them artificial and subsidized prices for their products. I think that all are agreed in sustaining the policy of the Philippines by the United States.

Man and Wife Found Dead

By Associated Press. BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Elias Haffa and Dora, his wife, were found dead at their home here today. Albert W. Bedliss, who boarded with the couple, was found in an unconscious condition. Arsenic poisoning is the supposed cause. A son of the dead man has informed the police that Haffa and his wife frequently quarreled.

Ends Life With Gas

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—The dead body of John Johnson was found yesterday morning at 862 1/2 Mission street, where he roomed. He had committed suicide by turning on the gas. He was about 30 years of age.

We Must Police Canal

"If we build the canal we must protect it and police it ourselves. We must therefore bring up and keep up our navy to the highest point of efficiency.

"In the event of war the American people must rely mainly upon its volunteer soldiers. While it is comparatively a simple matter to turn a man into quite a good soldier, you can neither improvise a battleship or the crew of a battleship. It is not necessary that we should have a particularly large navy, but it is necessary that, ship after ship, it should be a tithe the better of any in the world." The president concluded his speech by referring to his pleasure at seeing the children, the future citizens of this country. "Fathers and mothers must see to it that the children are properly trained in order to keep up the standard of citizenship."

President Reaches Montgomery

By Associated Press. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 23.—The president's special arrived in Montgomery at midnight, exactly on time.

FOUR WOUNDED IN BRAWL

Sailors Fight Among Themselves and Then Resist Police Reserves

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Four men were badly wounded in a series of battles between the officers and crew of the lumber schooner Ida B. Gibson of Seaford, Del., and afterward between Milton Corderoy, the cook of the Gibson, and the police early today.

For an hour the cook, armed with a shotgun, stood off the police reserves who endeavored to ascertain the cause of the trouble, and wounded a detective and night watchman. Frank H. Medley, the mate of the Gibson, was missing today and a treaty with Great Britain or any other foreign nation.

U. S. KEPT HANDS OFF

America Never Tried to Influence Cuba in Regard to Treaty With England

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—It can be reiterated on the highest authority that, although convinced that the proposed Anglo-Cuban treaty is distinctly injurious to Cuba's interests, the Washington government has never indirectly or directly questioned Cuba's full right to negotiate such a treaty with Great Britain or any other foreign nation.

TOKIO WELCOMES WARRIORS

Reception to Officers and Men of the Combined Fleet a Great Success

By Associated Press. TOKIO, Oct. 24, 12 m.—Tokio's reception today to officers and men of the combined fleet was a most notable affair. The day was extremely fine and the public enthusiasm was unparalleled. As the procession moved from the Shimbashi railway station to Ueno park, along the crowded streets, the air was rent with thunderous cheers.

Regret Exclusion of Unitarians

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—At a meeting of the Congregational ministers of Boston today resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing regret at the action of the executive committee of the inter-church conference on federation in excluding the representatives of the Unitarian church.

San Jose's Mayor Angry

SAN JOSE, Oct. 23.—Mayor Worswick tonight denounced as impertinent and offensive a letter he had received from the foreman of the grand jury, C. A. Barker, in reference to pool selling. The mayor contended that the grand jury was exceeding its authority in dictating to him and the council and was violating their oath of office.

PROBATIONER ADMITS CRIMES

ROBBED LARGE STORE AND SEVERAL RESIDENCES

Former Superintendent of Transit Lines in Orange County, New York, Makes Remarkable Confession to the Police

Special to The Herald. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Oct. 23.—By the confession of Charles Boos, until recently superintendent of the Wallkill Transit company lines in Orange county, a spectacular police mystery has been solved. He admitted to the police today it is he who has robbed one of the largest department stores in the city, besides several residences, in the last few months.

Boos jestingly reminded the police that he himself had raised the hue and cry on more than one occasion when after robbing a house he had been pursued. Keeping ahead of his pursuers he shouted at the top of his voice "Stop thief," "Catch that man," and by directing their attention was able to escape. But finally the transit company found it was being robbed by Boos and had him arrested.

A search of his rooms revealed a vast amount of plunder and Boos then confessed. Boos is regarded as a modern social highwayman. He drew a large salary as the superintendent of the big transit corporation and lived in good style in apartments on one of the best streets in the city. He was popular in society.

TO FIGHT STANDARD OIL

Corporation Backed by Millions, With European Connections, to Compete With Rockefeller

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—The Bulletin today says: "The Standard Oil company has a new rival in California, a competitor backed by millions with connections in Europe and the advantage of water transportation. The transaction which brought a competitor of the Standard Oil into the field was the sale of the control of the Western Oil Refining and Manufacturing company's plant at Rodeo, Contra Costa county, to the Liebes Brothers and Henry J. Crocker, who comprise the new concern. The plant cost \$75,000, but it is to be enlarged to more than double its capacity, the new owners contemplating the expenditure of as much as \$250,000 on the works. In this connection cable advices have been received from London announcing the subscription of \$500,000 there for the building of another oil refinery in California. It is believed that the new plant will be erected in the oil fields of the Liebes, Santa Barbara county, where the Liebes own between 6000 and 8000 acres of producing oil lands.

"These oil fields are near the coast whither oil can be pumped in large quantities and brought to this port for refining at Rodeo."

FOLK FIGHTS FLAMES

Mansion of the Governor of Missouri at Jefferson City Damaged by Fire

By Associated Press. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 23.—The governor's mansion at Jefferson City was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire this morning at 3 o'clock. Governor Folk, his wife and guests had to escape to a nearby hotel. Governor Folk was aroused by the crackling of the flames. He telephoned the fire department and then attempted to extinguish with fire extinguishers the fire which was burning in the second story hallway. The governor's efforts to stave off the flames proved ineffectual and after seeing his wife and their five guests were safe he devoted himself to saving the portraits of his predecessors in office. After more than an hour's work the firemen extinguished the fire. The fire is believed to have started from a defective fuse.

The mansion was erected in 1872 at a cost of \$15,000. Since then frequent appropriations have been made by the legislature and the improvements and furnishings have cost \$100,000 more. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

BARELY ESCAPE DEATH

Son of Baseball Magnate and Three Friends on Board Launch When It Explodes

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Thomas Shibe, son of Benjamin F. Shibe, president of the American League baseball club of Philadelphia, and three friends from Philadelphia had a narrow escape from being burned to death yesterday in an explosion of gasoline on Mr. Shibe's 50-foot launch which was moored at Toms River, N. J.

The party came from Philadelphia in an automobile. About noon they boarded the launch, when some one struck a match to light a cigar. In an instant the launch was in flames. The cabin windows and doors were blown to splinters. Mr. Shibe was knocked to the top of the cabin and received a severe cut on the head, while his companions were thrown to the floor and severely injured. With difficulty they reached the dory that was tied to the stern and escaped from the burning hull.

CHILEANS ARE RIOTOUS

Ten Killed, Many Wounded, in Conflict With Police at Santiago

By Associated Press. SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Oct. 23.—A meeting yesterday called to petition the government to abolish the import tax on Argentine cattle degenerated into a most serious riot owing to the absence of the troops, who are now engaged in maneuvers two marches from the capital. The police, who were unable to maintain order, charged the crowd and killed ten persons and wounded hundreds. The rioters destroyed street cars and smashed electric lights. At 8 o'clock yesterday rioting was at its height, and the fire department was called out to restore order.

The mansion of Senator Urbemonta Errazuriz was attacked by a mob. The rioting was continued today and many persons were killed or wounded. The department has been declared in a state of siege.

At 8 o'clock tonight the streets were comparatively tranquil, but great alarm prevails.

SYRIANS ARE RIOTOUS

New York Police Called to Quell Disturbance in Lower End of City

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Reserves from three police precincts were hurriedly summoned tonight to the lower end of the city to quell what threatened to be a serious riot in the Syrian quarter, where fights between the friends and opponents of Bishop Hawaweenie have been frequent of late.

The bishop was arrested a few weeks ago in Brooklyn and since then the Syrian quarter has been in a condition of chronic excitement. Before the police succeeded in clearing the streets tonight half a dozen Syrians received cuts and stab wounds, none, however, of a serious character. Two Syrians were arrested charged with inciting the riot.

Preachers Support Weaver

By Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—Methodist and Baptist ministers at their meetings today passed resolutions supporting the mayor in the fight for clean government.

WITTE TO BE PREMIER OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE



Count Serge Witte

Report That He Will Receive Appointment Persistently Circulated in St. Petersburg. He Stands High in Czar's Favor

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 24, 3:40 a. m.—It was persistently reported in the clubs and in government circles late at night that the emperor yesterday had appointed Count Witte premier, with the portfolio of minister of finance. All the papers this morning give prominence to the report.

Count Witte, it now seems, has definitely come into imperial favor. Since his return from the United States, Count Witte has ranged himself on the side of the liberals and has not only advocated complete liberty of speech, of the press and of assembly, as a corollary of the coming dooms, but has urged the extension of the powers of the duma along the lines demanded by the reformers, as well as a broader franchise, so as to admit fuller representation from the ranks of labor and the cultured classes.

The emperor, to whom the count personally outlined his views, displayed much sympathy with them, and it is learned, favored a number of ministers suggested by the count, including General Treppoff, assistant minister of the interior, who now ranks as one of the most broad-minded of his majesty's counsellors and who is understood to be working harmoniously with Count Witte.

The newly formulated statute governing the right of assembly was generally recognized as not being broad enough even before its promulgation and the Solsky reform commission is now at work on a more liberal draft.

The reception of Count Witte by the emperor today is considered a singular event of the emperor's determination to confide his fortunes to the hands of Count Witte. No other interpretation is placed upon it in court circles, where the reception of the countess created a tremendous sensation. The countess is a Jewess of ordinary birth, and has never been received in court. When M. Witte was appointed minister in the nineties the emperor was reported to have said: "Remember, you are not married."

The fixing of his wife's social status, which has been one of Count Witte's ambitions, must rank as one of the triumphs of his life.

The decrease of the influence of the great dukes perhaps made it easier for his majesty to turn to Count Witte. The resignation of Grand Duke Vladimir, the emperor's uncle, as commander-in-chief of the military district of St. Petersburg, however, has not yet been accepted. In tendering his resignation the grand duke wrote to the emperor substantially as follows: "I have served your grandfather, your father and yourself; but now that your majesty has disgraced my son, I no longer have the heart to serve you."

The emperor is said to favor even depriving Grand Duke Cyril of the title of Grand Duke, saying that he should be known simply as "Monsieur Romanoff."

PANAMA CANAL MAY BE CONSTRUCTED BY CONTRACT

Taft Says Government May Follow This Plan

There is Reason for Doubt That Any Private Concern Would Undertake Culebra Cut, but Other Portions Could Be Handled This Way.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The government of the United States is willing to enter into contracts with corporations or individuals for the construction of any portion or all of the Panama canal.

This statement was made by Secretary Taft today while discussing the conditions upon the isthmus and the policy of the government.

There is some doubt in his mind whether any concern would be willing to undertake the excavation of the Culebra cut on account of the magnitude of such work. It is not the excavation that will be so difficult as the disposition of the dirt which will be taken out of the cut.

As to the other work, the government will be ready to enter into contracts for its completion as soon as it is determined what type of canal shall be constructed. It is stated that the contracts could not be made during the preliminary stages of the work because the government had to postpone the construction until its officers knew what was to be done and had a sufficient knowledge of the conditions to pass upon bids and make judicious contracts.

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STRIKE IS GROWING

Condition in Russia Is Serious

Railroads and Factories Are Tied Up

In Another Week Every Plant in Moscow Region Will Be Shut Down.

All Trade and Industries Threatened

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 24, 3:46 a. m.—The railroad strike situation has now entered on a highly serious phase. The movement is spreading rapidly to all the railroads of the empire, and apparently cannot be stopped, while in many cities it is communicating itself to the mill and factory employees. The general strike in all branches of labor, which the Socialists planned for the end of this year, is suddenly bursting forth of its own volition.

Minister of Finance Kokovsov yesterday received a telegram from the governing committee of the Moscow bourse which said that a continuation of the strike for a week longer would force every factory in the Moscow region to shut down owing to lack of coal, whether or not the factory hands took part in the strike.

The same condition of paralysis threatens all the trade and industries of Russia unless the strike is speedily settled. The inhabitants of Moscow are already feeling the effects of the strike in the increased prices of food, and they are even confronted by famine.

As the demands of the men are purely political it seems impossible to satisfy them by economic concessions. Prince Hilkoff, minister of railroads, yesterday strongly appealed to the Moscow strikers on the basis of his own experience in the United States, but he spoke to deaf ears. The men talked of nothing but their political rights, which, of course, the prince was powerless to grant.

The situation is apparently at a deadlock, from which relief can only be had by the surrender of one side or perhaps the proclamation of martial law on the railroads. A flood of dispatches yesterday from Simsbark, Saratoff, Vyazma, Poltava, Nizhni Novgorod, Kradkoff, Smolensk, Kieff, Elizabethgrad, Kazan and other railroad centers all over Russia announced the complete tying up of all transportation.

The last link that bound Moscow, the commercial center of the empire, with the outer world, was broken yesterday afternoon when the men on the Nicholas road, connecting Moscow with St. Petersburg went on a strike. The engineers shut off steam in their engines and Prince Hilkoff had great difficulty in obtaining a crew for the special train which brought him to St. Petersburg at midnight.

St. Petersburg has one line to the frontier and the employees of this line had a meeting late last night to decide whether or not they should participate in the strike movement.

Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Barry and Capt. Sidney A. Cloman of the United States Army are in St. Petersburg.

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THE DAYS NEWS

FORECAST Southern California: Fair Tuesday; fresh southwest winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 68 degrees; minimum, 51 degrees.

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EASTERN

President Roosevelt given royal welcome by citizens of Mobile, Alabama. Prominent man in New York state confesses to many burglaries. Taft says much of the canal work may be done by private contract.

FOREIGN

Strike situation in Russia serious. Moscow is isolated. German man will probably be made premier of Russia. German ambassador to Russia, Count von Alvensleben, retires.

COAST

Officials of United Bank and Trust company may be prosecuted criminally. Senator Newlands discusses economic conditions in the Philippines. Miss Roosevelt, E. J. Harriman and parties arrive in San Francisco and leave at once for the east.

LOCAL

Scotty says he will sue Santa Fe railroad. Los Angeles ready to welcome the W. C. T. U. Pastor separates members of congregation who engage in fist fight in court house. Prospect park residents appeal to supervisors. Father granted custody of little Marguerite Thomas after bitter family quarrel. Mrs. McCracken fights divorce proceedings brought against her by her husband. Attorney Wallace W. Wideman fined \$200 on a charge of contempt of court. German societies plan to hold great meeting in Los Angeles next June. Assistant City Attorney Goudge suggests two methods of the South Park avenue muddle, but they are deemed unfeasible. Council sidetracks recommendation of city attorney to bring forfeiture suit for franchise. "Blind Johnny" Taylor pleads with council to relax ordinance prohibiting the sightless from earning a living. President Summerland's vote for new city hall site has little effect in securing a park for his ward.