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FISCAL YEAR IS ENDED FOR LOCAL BANKING HOUSES

All Declare Their Usual Dividends and Report Conditions Much Improved.

Tobacco Situation Felt in Increased Deposits.

YEAR HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL

Today is dividend day with the banks and marks the close of the fiscal year with all the local institutions. The directors of the several banks met during the day to receive the reports of the officers and disburse the earnings. The First National declared its usual dividend of 7 per cent; the City National, 6 per cent; the Citizens' Savings, 5 per cent; the Globe, 4 per cent; and the Mechanics and Farmers, 2 1/2 per cent. The American-German made a very fine showing, but in keeping with the policy laid out at the first of the year all earnings were carried forward to the surplus and undivided profits account. This was done at the Paducah Banking company, too. This institution had a very satisfactory six months, but the directors decided to carry all earnings to the surplus and undivided profits account.

All the officers of the banks are optimistic over the outlook for the new year. The past six months have been satisfactory, the latter part of the period better than the first. The break in the tobacco situation has been felt at every one of the banks, and since Christmas all of them report deposits on the upturn.

TREATY ENDS LONG YAQUI WAR.

Indians and Governor of Sonora, Mexico, Sign and Then Celebrate.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 31.—The long war with Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in which scores have been killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated in a treaty of peace agreed upon by three Indian chiefs and 166 of their followers and the governor of the state of Sonora, Mexico. The scene enacted at the treaty agreement was a remarkable one, concluding with the Mexican soldiers embracing the Yaquis and participating in a joint celebration lasting all night.

BUCHANAN TAKES FIRST STEP.

Special Commissioner to Venezuela Arranging for Conference.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Dispatches from W. I. Buchanan, the special commissioner to Venezuela, received at the state department today, indicate that he has taken steps to get in direct communication with the officials of that government with the view to taking up the work which he is intrusted. He is expected to discuss freely with the new government established there various matters of importance between the two countries, and on the character of his report the future attitude of the state department in dealing with Venezuela will be based.

AGAR RETURNS TO TEXAS.

Departure From Princeton Not Publicly Announced.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 31.—H. E. Agar, who is under bond here to face a charge of forgery in connection with his failure and disappearance, left unexpectedly last night, en route back to Texas. It is thought he has adjusted his affairs here so that there will be no demand for his return, and that his bondsmen consented to his departure. He went to Evansville last night, hurriedly settled some affairs there, and went on to St. Louis and met his son Asa. His family will follow in a few months. Agar's departure was unannounced, but he wired here today from St. Louis that he would write from Texas.

ATLANTIC FLEET MAY GO TO ITALY IF SATISFACTORY

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Atlantic fleet, which is now passing through the Red sea, probably will go to the earthquake region and render assistance. Plans are being arranged, if agreeable to the Italian government, for the fleet to be utilized. It is unofficially stated that Roosevelt is preparing a message to congress when it reassembles, urging a liberal appropriation for the earthquake victims.

Police Force Shake-Up Involves Abolishment of Detectives and Making Baker Emergency Man

Lieutenant Tom Potter and Sergeant Gourioux Will Watch Beats and New Man Becomes Night Officer.

Announcement of the police officers and the assignments given the patrolmen for 1909 were made public today by Chief of Police James Collins, who has been working on the schedule since the election Monday night. All of the police will be in uniform, and plain clothes men will be used only when Chief Collins deems it necessary. The same watches will be observed; the day men going on duty at 5 o'clock in the morning, and remaining on watch until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, when the night shift will relieve. The night shift will be double the strength of the day force. An emergency man will be kept at the city hall at night to answer hurry calls, and make trips on the patrol wagon.

Several changes are made in the police officers. Captain Frank G. Harlan, the veteran of the police department, will be retained as captain in charge of the day men: Lieutenant Thomas Potter will be succeeded as lieutenant by William Beadles, who was elected to the force recently. Mr. Beadles is a former railroad conductor and a man of experience, and Chief Collins considers him as a valuable man; Sergeant Emile Gourioux will be succeeded by Lige Cross, who has been a detective, and he and Lieutenant Beadles will be in charge of the police at night. Messrs. Gourioux and Potter will still be in the police department, as they will work on the beats.

The assignments given the day men are: Frank G. Harlan, captain; Patrolmen B. Gourioux, Fourth street and Broadway; Henry Bailey and William Johnson, Second street and Broadway; John Hession, First ward; T. L. Roeder, west end; E. C. Carter, Ninth street and Broadway; Aaron Hurley, Union station; Casper Jones Fisherville; T. J. Potter, Third street Mike Dugan, Mechanicsburg.

The night men will be assigned: William Beadles, lieutenant; Lige Cross, sergeant; Patrolmen Henry Franklin and James Brennan, Second street and Broadway; J. R. Morris and A. C. Stewart, Fifth street and Broadway; Tobe Owen and R. W. Vile, First ward; Charles Whittemore and L. B. Langston, west end; C. D. Gilliam and Charles Clark, Ninth street and Broadway; Fred Merry, Union station; Henry Singery and Walter England, Fisherville; Ed Morris and John Bryan, Third street; H. H. Doyle, Mechanicsburg. Thad Terrell will be the night driver of the patrol wagon, and Henry Seamon will drive in the day. Former Detective William E. Baker will be the emergency man at the city hall and will be stationed on duty at night.

WILLIS SMITH DENIES HIS KIDNAPING STORY--SAYS HE LEFT OF OWN ACCORD

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31. (Special.)—Willis Smith, the missing Lexington student, who last night told a story of kidnaping and being held in a Wisconsin cave, repudiated the story here this morning. He says he left Lexington on account of fear of hazers. He had received threatening letters, evidently from students, and feared if they attacked him he would kill somebody. He has been working in the Wisconsin lumber camps.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 31.—The rigid search instituted over the disappearance of Willis E. Smith, a student of the State University, September 20, came to an end when the young man appeared at the home of his sister in Owensboro.

Smith tells a sensational story of having been kidnaped and drugged in Lexington when he disappeared and of having been taken to Wisconsin and being a prisoner in a cave for three months. He says he made his escape at midnight Monday night and came home via freight trains.

Little or no credence is placed in Smith's story.

AIRSHIP LINE IS PROJECTED OVER ATLANTIC OCEAN

New York, Dec. 31.—The aerial Navigation Company of America was organized with fifty millions capital. It proposes to establish aerial transportation to Europe. Thurston Barnes and Lewis Nixon are the principal backers. Nixon announced he will build ships 800 feet long to carry a hundred passengers. The first ship will be built next year.

SECRETARYSHIP OF SCHOOL BOARD IS WANTED BY TWO

When the school board will meet next Monday for reorganization, it is promised that there may be a lively fight over the position of secretary on the board. Trustee C. G. Kelly, the incumbent, is a candidate for reelection, while Mr. Arch Sutherland, a non-member, is a candidate for the position. Both Democrats and Republicans have agreed on the election of Trustee W. J. Hills, as president of the board, and should no political fight be puffed off it is thought that Mr. Hills will accept the presidency.

Four trustees' terms will expire today, and owing to the resignation of Mr. H. C. Rhodes, and the error of boundary lines in the election of Mr. P. B. May, there will be only ten trustees eligible to take part in the reorganization. The appointment of a trustee from the Second ward will be taken up by the new board. Dr. A. Ilet, a former president, is spoken of favorably for the vacancy, while President J. K. Bondurant is also mentioned for the place, although Mr. Bondurant is not anxious for the place. Ben Weille is a candidate for the place.

In the Third ward there is a vacancy, and Mr. E. W. Bockman, an extraneous, is the most likely candidate for the place, although Trustee Clements is spoken of for re-election.

The election of an outsider as secretary of the school board would be an innovation.

Chief Collins will be in charge of the police department, and direct it. This is Chief Collins' fifth year as chief of police, and for about six years before Paducah entered the second class was city marshal which is equivalent to chief of police. He has served the city in various positions. Before entering the police work he was a member of the fire department.

Pay Taxes Tonight
City Treasurer Dorian, according to the custom he inaugurated, will keep his office open tonight to accommodate late taxpayers who desire to avoid the penalty.

Nat's Gift to Edna

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Nat Goodwin, actor, gave his wife, formerly Edna Goodrich, \$100,000 as a New Year's present. It consists of half the income from Goodwin's property.

Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Metropolis has experienced a series of burglaries this week that mystifies the police. There is no clue. Last night they raised the window of Albert Davis' bedroom and stole his trousers and \$8 in money. The night before they visited J. D. Berry's meat market, securing a gold watch; Grey's second hand store and Cronen's grocery. They used an auger on the back door and slipped the catches. They operated between 2 o'clock and daylight.

An Ungrateful Mule

It was a mean old mule that kicked Jim Williams, colored, this morning. Williams drives a wagon and his mule fell on the brick streets. Williams climbed down from his wagon and was assisting his mule to its feet when the donkey kicked him in the mouth. A wound that required several stitches to close, was made. Dr. J. T. Troutman attended Williams.

Three More Bodies

Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Three more bodies were recovered from Lick Branch colliery. This makes 30 dead. Rescuers are still working.

No Sicilians Here

Paducah is not a cosmopolitan city, although the population may boast of some Greeks. So far as could be ascertained, there are no Italians from the stricken district of southern Italy and the island of Sicily, and no one has any relatives in the affected district. L. Vivalda, an Italian fruit dealer, was born in northern Italy, but he is familiar with the topography of the country that he served several years as a soldier in southern Italy. Several years ago an Italian family from the heart of the disaster lived in Paducah near the old fair grounds, but the members moved away.

Beautiful Italy.

Naples, Dec. 31.—Those who have explicit knowledge on the subject agree that the center of the cataclysm was the Straits of Messina, which also is the center of the volcanic zone, whose highest peak, Etna, is now silent. From this base the Telluric disturbance extended, abating little by little, northerly as far as Cape Vaticano and southerly as far as the Bay of Catania, ravaging the western region of Calabria and the eastern coast of Sicily for nearly 100 miles.

It is impossible accurately to ascertain the extent of the movement east and west in the inland regions, but it is certain that the beauty of one of the most charming sections of Southern Italy has been irrevocably despoiled. Vineyards are no more; waving rows of lemon, orange and olive trees have been torn up and the enchanting coast line, with its soft and fragrant foliage, has been converted into a hideous desert. Reggio, whose gay aspect set off the severity of the mountains, and Palmi, perched jauntily amid the orange trees, have become mere blots on the horizon.

Cause of the Earthquake.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 31.—Professor William H. Brewer, of Yale, stated that he believed the earthquake in Sicily was due to the same conditions as that which caused the San Francisco quake, namely, a fault in the earth's surface. He thought that what has been described as a tidal wave was a disturbance of the watery Straits of Messina which caused it to recede and then rush back, temporarily engulfing the land which had slipped.

Dirge Prediction.

Naples, Dec. 31.—Newspapers are reproducing the prophecy of Matilde Serao, which was printed in "Les Annales" a week ago, and in which, predicting the destruction of Naples and expressing Italy's constant fear of nature's upheaval, she said:

"Today the city is beautiful, because God wishes it. We believe her immortal, but she is destined for death. See you this mountain at whose feet stretch beautiful villages bathing in the sea? She will destroy our city; she will be our executioner. One day you will come, convulsions will shake the mountain; frightful tempests will agitate the sea; flashes of lightning will cover the heavens, and all nature will combine to our destruction."

SEASIDE VILLAGES GONE.

Naples, Dec. 31.—Seamen who navigated the Straits of Messina say all seaside villages on the Calabrian shore have disappeared. The famous Charybdis whirlpool is gone. Vessels brought hundreds of victims terribly wounded, mutilated and burned.

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Appeal to Italians.

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Saw City in Flames.

Marseilles, Dec. 31.—The Massageries packet Oronoco, which arrived here from Alexandria, reports that at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning while steaming 30 miles outside of Messina, she experienced several formidable shocks, the passengers being greatly alarmed. The steamer passed within 600 feet of Messina and saw the city aflame between drifting columns of smoke. The city at that time was a vast heap of ruins and there were no signs of life. More than 200 vessels were adrift and the sea filled with wreckage.

1,800 Convicts Killed.

Monteleone, Dec. 31.—The local prison at Reggio collapsed during the earthquake and all the convicts, estimated at 1,800, lost their lives.

A group of traveling people at the railroad station awaiting the arrival of a train were crushed under the debris of the building. It is not known whether any foreigners were among them. All railroad stations in a radius of 12 miles from Reggio have been destroyed.

Americans in Messina.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Ninety Americans in a Messina hotel that was destroyed, and Italians and Americans co-operating in the quest for information regarding the missing, are reported upon in a cablegram to the state department received from Ambassador Griscom at Rome. The ambassador cabled that he has received no word from the American consuls at Messina and Palermo. He has asked the foreign office for information and that office, he adds, will use every effort through the army and navy officers to obtain immediate news. The British consul at Messina is reported as injured and

Estimate of Dead Increased With Fresh Shocks and Interior Towns Probably Will Swell Total Losses

Survivors Are Starving and Dying of Wounds, While Stench From Bodies is Sickening.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Naval officers at Messina report 135,000 are dead there. This makes a total of 175,000. The whole earthquake region is turned into a hospital. It is estimated 30,000 injured are at Naples. Every public building is used. There are similar scenes in every coast town. It is estimated that 100,000 are injured and it is believed 10,000 will die. King Victor reached Reggio on a warship. He reports the damage worse than months of bombardment. The few survivors were nearly crazed with joy when the warship arrived, as the first vessel since the disaster.

Rome, Dec. 31.—An increase in the estimates of the dead is due to fatalities from yesterday's fresh shocks and deaths of many injured. The whole attention is now directed to succoring the victims. One hundred and twenty-five thousand survivors were removed from stricken towns. Rescuers are now pushing into the interior. It is feared equal horrors are to be found in small villages which will greatly swell the estimates.

Messina and Reggio survivors are practically starving. It will be days before sufficient food is furnished. Refugees fought with knives when food was handed until guards quelled them. Disease is threatened from decaying bodies. Scores of rescuers were overcome by the stench. Practically all the buried victims are dead. Rescuers no longer fighting fires, which are consuming the cities. There is no news from the foreigners. It is believed all unheard from yet are dead.

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FORAKER AND TAFT GIVE UP FIGHT TO THEODORE BURTON

Ohio Senatorship Settled by Withdrawal of Two Big Contestants.

Ancient Enemy of Administration is Out.

END OF GREAT REACTIONARY

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Charles Taft announced his withdrawal from the race for United States senator. He announced that his forces will support Congressman Burton, as the result of a conference last night between Taft and Burton. Foraker also announced his withdrawal. This leaves Burton practically without opposition.

Congressman Theodore Burton has been representing the Cleveland, O., district for a number of terms, and is chairman of the rivers and harbors committee. Under his supervision, much of the graft connected with the rivers and harbors appropriations has been eliminated. He was slated for secretary of the treasury. Senator Joseph Benson Foraker, whose term expires in 1909, has been senator from Ohio two terms. He was twice elected governor of the state. Charles P. Taft is proprietor of the Cincinnati Times-Star and brother of the president-elect.

The election of Mr. Burton, who lives within 100 miles of Senator Charles Dick, gives the northern part of the state two senators and jeopardizes Senator Dick's seat when his term expires. Both Mr. Taft and Senator Foraker live in Cincinnati, and probably one or both of them will contest for the seat of Senator Dick.

The retirement of Senator Foraker takes one of the bitterest enemies of President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft and one of the strongest reactionaries out of the senate.

Patrolman Was a Witness.

Patrolman Casper Jones returned yesterday afternoon from Smithland, where he was summoned as a witness in the murder charge against Lee Gardner, Henry White and Hugh Jackson, all colored. The three were arrested by Patrolman Jones and are alleged to have murdered Henry Machan, colored, near Grand Rivers.

OLD STOCK YARDS ARE TO BE OPENED BY MR. T. A. JONES

The old stock yards, Fifteenth and Caldwell streets, which have been idle for a year, have been purchased by T. A. Jones, a well known stock and meat dealer, and the stables are now being put in first-class shape. New roofs have been put on the stables and fences erected and repaired. About \$5,000 will be spent in making the repairs.

It will be next week before the yards will be ready for business, but when once opened it is expected to begin gradually and build up a good business. The stock yards will draw many cattle and stock from western Kentucky and Tennessee for shipment to Louisville, St. Louis and other stock markets. About ten years ago the stock yards was a big feature of business in Paducah, but since an epidemic broke out in the cattle it has never flourished.

Mrs. Hains' Confession

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 31.—Major Hains has resumed the stand. He continued his story of how Peter told of his wife's confession. When his wife admitted she loved Annis, Peter begged her to say it was untrue. After her first confession the wife repeated the story of her relations with Annis to the captain. General Hains said Peter seemed insane while relating the story.

Hains' Mother testified that Peter apparently was demented over his wife's confession. She entrusted him to Thornton's care. Court will recess until Monday.

Chicago Market.

May	High	Low	Close
Wheat	1.08 1/2	1.07 3/4	1.07 3/4
Oats	62	61	61 1/2
Corn	52	51 1/2	51 1/2
Prov.	16.60	16.45	16.45
Lard	9.72 1/2	9.67 1/2	9.67 1/2
Ribs	8.72 1/2	8.62 1/2	8.65



COLDER
Fair tonight and probably Friday. Colder tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 55; lowest today, 30.