



I DID NOTHING WRONG'—FORMER BANK EXAMINER

He Says if He Had Remained in Office Shasta Bank Would Be Intact

Erstwhile Official Says Law Permits Certain Deals and That It Is Bad

He Will Appear Before the Grand Jury and Tell All, He Declares

REDDING, July 21.—"I am here to meet any charges that may be made," he declared former state Superintendent of Banks Aiden Anderson as he stepped from a train here this morning. He had come by direct routes and as fast as steamer and train could carry him, he said, in order that he might face rumored indictments growing out of the closing of the Bank of Shasta County.

Anderson was accompanied by his brother, George H. Anderson of San Jose, and Fred Adams of Sacramento. It was known that Anderson was on his way to California, but no one thought that he would come direct to Redding. He left Liverpool on July 8. "I came here as quickly as I could after hearing that charges had been made against me on account of the failure of the bank," Anderson said.

Charge Is Denied "Why did you as bank superintendent permit the Bank of Shasta County to continue in business after it had been reported to you as being insolvent?" Anderson was asked.

"No examiner ever made such a report to me," answered Anderson, and there was fire in his eyes. "It is absolutely untrue. The capital of the bank was impaired. I was doing my best to right it and if I had remained in office three months longer the bank would not have failed, and by July 1 every depositor would have had all his money. I know the banking laws of this state, and I know that not in one instance did I violate them.

"I am ready to stand the consequence if I have done any wrong. But I am conscious that I have been right all the time. I have made no mistakes with the Bank of Shasta County. All the security that the bank now has for the Terry loan of more than \$200,000, and all that it has for the Castle Lake Lumber company loan of \$127,000, I got, and if I had remained in office I would have got more security.

Believes Bank Can Pay "The bank today is not in as bad condition as might be supposed from reports coming to me. I am not yet in close touch with the situation. My interest now, since I am out of office, is one of sentiment. But I firmly believe that if the proper course is pursued the bank can pay every dollar, and I know a good deal about its assets."

"How about the demand certificate of deposit given to the Anglo London-Paris bank of San Francisco to secure \$90,000 borrowed from that bank? Should that have been entered in the bank statement as a demand certificate of deposit?"

"That is the main spring of the indictment against C. C. Bush, the bank's president.

Law Should Be Changed Anderson said that that has always been the custom among California bankers.

"It is lawful, but the law ought to be changed," Anderson remarked. For two hours this morning Anderson conferred with District Attorney Chenoweth. He declined to make public the nature of the conference.

"Do you know that the grand jury returned two indictments against you?" Anderson was asked.

"I would rather talk about the weather," he replied smilingly. The two indictments returned by the grand jury the same day that the bank president, C. C. Bush, was indicted did not come out under cover today, as was expected after it was known that Anderson was in town. Then it was reported that he was to be given an opportunity to go before the grand jury. This report proved true, and at 4 o'clock he was waiting at the court house to be called. At 5 o'clock, however, the grand jury adjourned and it was announced that Anderson would be given a hearing next Tuesday.

Will Tell Everything "I will remain in Redding until Tuesday night," said Anderson, "and will tell everything to the grand jury. I will keep nothing back, for I have nothing to hide. My official career as bank superintendent is an open book and I will stand by it. If I have done anything wrong or unlawful I should be punished. But I have not. I know the banking laws of this state."

In the afternoon Anderson made a statement that astounded the people of Redding and at the same time greatly pleased them. "I will take the assets of the Bank of Shasta County," he said, "undertake to open a national bank and promise to

Aiden Anderson, in Redding, Prepared To Face Charges



\$1 A DAY SPENDER ARE NOT WELCOME

Santa Barbara Millionaire Civic Leader Puts Ban on the Lunch Basket Visitor

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA BARBARA, July 21.—Louis Jones, a Montecito millionaire, tonight, upon accepting the presidency of the Santa Barbara chamber of commerce, created considerable comment by his speech outlining the ideas he would have the organization carry out during the coming year. He drew an unmistakable line, declaring that the man who has amassed much of this world's goods is more to be desired here than the man who takes advantage of a cheap excursion and spends on the average of a dollar for amusements that are offered at most seaside resorts. "There are two classes of society seeking climate and congenial surroundings," said Mr. Jones. "One is composed of persons who have amassed sufficient of the world's goods. They cast about for a place to build a home, away from the rush and the roar of the large cities. They bring their families, patronize our shops and our builders, consume our products and spend money here during the greater part of each year.

"We have blocks and blocks of thinly settled streets in this town. If we can make the place attractive to this class of men these blocks will be built up in time and our home industries prosper as a result.

"Now for the other class. I refer to the excursionists who come with their baskets, pay a reduced price on the railroad and spend on the average a dollar apiece on such amusements as can be offered at a place built for this class of entertainment as some think Santa Barbara should be.

"Do they patronize the stores or hotels? "No; they bring their dinner with them and spend what cash they have on the cheap amusements of fakers who always flock to an excursion resort and leave it, with their graft, when the season ends.

"Such a resort attracts the worst element of society and gamblers, and unlicensed resorts of all kinds thrive. In such communities the city grows into a vast hive of graft and greed, and is deserted by all its better citizens. In a few years it is known only as a cheap excursion resort.

"We have escaped this in the past. Let the chamber see to it that it is not our future."

RAINSTORM FLOODS CITY AND TIES UP RAILROADS

Rio Grande Overflows Banks at El Paso

EL PASO, Tex., July 21.—A rainstorm which swept this section early this morning thoroughly demoralized railroad traffic in the southwest. Washington of a serious nature occurred on the Southern Pacific, the Texas and Pacific, the Santa Fe and the El Paso and Southwestern. Train service is partially resumed tonight. The Rio Grande river is rising rapidly, and is already out of its bank in places, flooding the basement of the United States immigration service station during the day.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD MADE WITH AEROPLANE

Aviator Flies 465 Miles in Less Than 12 Hours

MOURMELON, France, July 21.—Aviator Lorrain, piloting a small aeroplane at the aerodrome today, covered 465 1/2 miles, remaining in the air 11 hours and 45 minutes. This is a new world's record for distance and time.

PEERS FORCED TO SURRENDER POWER OF VETO

Constitutional Revolution in Great Britain Practically an Accomplished Fact

Premier Announces That King Will Exercise Prerogative if Lords Persist

LONDON, July 21.—The constitutional revolution tonight appears to be an accomplished fact. Great Britain in the future will be governed practically by the house of commons, with the hereditary upper house possessing only a veto with a time limit of two years.

The peers find their one gleam of hope in the prediction that the next conservative government will overturn Asquith's revolution and restore old conditions, but the radicals are confident that in such matters the hands of the clock never will turn back.

Yesterday the future career of the veto bill was apparent to all politicians and its eventual acceptance by the house of lords not doubted. Premier Asquith dispelled all clouds today by communicating informally to Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house of commons, the substance of an announcement which he will make in that house Monday.

Premier's Ultimatum Asquith's letter, which Balfour communicated to the meeting of the lords this afternoon, follows:

Dear Mr. Balfour: I think it is courteous and right, before any public decisions are announced, to let you know how we regard the present situation. When the parliament bill in the form it has now assumed returns to the house of commons we shall be compelled to ask that house to disagree with the lords' amendments. In the circumstances, should the necessity arise, the government will advise the king to exercise his prerogative to secure the passing into law of the bill in substantially the same form in which it left the house of commons, and his majesty has been pleased to suggest that he will consider it his duty to accept and act on that advice. Yours sincerely, H. H. ASQUITH.

Acceptance of Inevitable

This was a day of caucuses. Three meetings were held to discuss the situation. The cabinet sat for two hours and later the conservative leaders of both houses met at Balfour's residence, the marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Curzon, the marquis of Londonderry, the earl of Selborne, Austen Chamberlain, Henry Chaplin, the earl of Halsbury and the marquis of Salisbury being the principal figures of the conference.

The last and most impressive gathering was at Lansdowne house, where more than 400 peers, among them almost all the greatest names of their members, listened to the reading of the prime minister's letter and practically decided that they must accept the inevitable. Later a statement was given out that the peers reserved decision as to their course until Premier Asquith's announcement of the policy of the government Monday.

Peers No Longer Free Agents

Apparently this was mere temporizing. The lords are not anxious to emphasize their surrender, but, speaking privately, few failed to say that they no longer consider themselves, in Lord Lansdowne's words, free agents, and will yield to the government's threat to invoke the prerogative of the crown.

The earl of Halsbury, leader of the extremists, departed with fighting fire in his eyes. While his compeers admire his stand for the prestige of the upper chamber, most of them regard him as an anachronist. In the interests of history it is a distinct misfortune that the proceedings at this caucus of the British nobility are not preserved in writing, as some of the lords expounded very pessimistic views of the situation.

"What is going to happen?" was asked by one. "Government by a cabinet controlled by rank socialists," was the tart reply.

Consideration for King

Consideration for the king was given by many as the chief reason for dictating the policy adopted. What the king's fallings are can not be known, but it is believed that he is anxious to avoid the necessity of creating a great number of new peers.

Premier Asquith's letter gives ground for the belief that the government will accept some minor modifications of its bill. Those considered most probable are: Placing outside the bill's scope any proposals dealing with the succession to the crown, and the concession of a committee to assist the speaker in determining what are money bills. Instead of a joint committee of the two houses, which the lords desire, the government is expected to insist that this committee be composed of members of the commons alone.

SOCKLESS AIDE IS TAFT'S PILOT THROUGH CREEK

Major Butt and President in Storm See Standpat Senators Stalled

Executive Comes to Rescue, but Demands Reciprocity Votes in Exchange

MANASSAS, Va., July 21.—Mud bespattered after a difficult trip from Washington by automobile over flooded roads and swollen creeks, President Taft today faced an audience made up in part of veterans who wore the blue and the gray, within a few miles of the scene of the first great conflict of the civil war, and was applauded and cheered when he made a plea for international peace. The occasion was the Manassas semicentennial reunion.

The president said that a general arbitration treaty with Great Britain and France probably would be signed within the next 10 days. He added that he hoped within the next few days to announce that three other great powers would enter into similar agreements with the United States.

It was generally believed that he referred to Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Japan ultimately may come into the far reaching peace pact, but the negotiations with that empire are said to be merely tentative.

The president's trip from Washington to Manassas would have thrilled the heart of a moving picture man. He left a trail of stranded automobiles in his wake, made perilous voyages across streams out of their banks, stopped on his way to rescue a party of marooned senators—demanding votes for reciprocity as a reward—plowed his way through the rain storms and mud and finally wheeled into this historic little village at sundown.

Taft Jokes "Stand Patters"

The car containing the secret service men held to the race gamely until within a few miles of the battle field and then gave a despairing gasp and stopped in the middle of what once was a peaceful brook, but which today had become a muddy torrent.

This stream had daunted the courage of the president's chauffeur. So the secret service car was sent ahead to test the depth of the water and died in the attempt to make the crossing. By a detour the president managed to negotiate the stream.

Several of the rescued senators stowed away with the secret service men after their automobile shipwrecked at an earlier ford this time were left stranded with the declaration by the president that they were a lot of "stand patters."

One of the White House stenographers, who had followed the president from coast to coast and from Puget sound to the Gulf of Mexico, likewise was abandoned in mid stream, and Taft for the first time since he became chief magistrate of the nation, spoke without official record being made of his utterances.

When the president started from Washington the sun was shining brightly. He had not gone far on his way, however, when the storm clouds began to gather. Before the deluge came he had time to stop at Fairfax court house, to look at George Washington's last will and testament and to get lunch.

Major Butts Bare Foot

Five miles out of Fairfax the president's car discovered a big touring car stalled in the middle of a stream. Seated in it were three United States senators, Nelson of Minnesota, Bacon of Georgia and Overman of North Carolina, and Solicitor General Lehmann. Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, owner of the car, had abandoned his friends in mid stream and had gone ahead to get a horse or two to pull them out.

Major A. W. Butt, the president's personal aid, took one look at the stream and another at his shining yellow boots. Then the boots came off and the major was in the torrent up to his waist.

"We can get across," said he as he came back to the waiting White House car. The president raised his hat in dignified fashion.

"Thank you, major," he said, "get in and we'll try it."

Senator Fortified by Chew

Senator Nelson was taken into the president's car. He took glances at his colleagues, sat back comfortably, took a fresh chew of tobacco and was prepared for the worst. Two miles farther south the scene was repeated.

This time the attempt at fording failed miserably, in spite of Major Butt's gallant efforts to find a crossing. One of the three presidential cars was sent ahead, manned by secret service men only. It died in the channel and the secret service men waded back to shore.

Major Butt, wet to the armpits, came back disconsolate to meet the presidential salute. At this crossing a few neighborhood farmers, with their wives, had gathered, also checked in their efforts to get to Manassas. They looked at the president in awe and at the major in some amusement.

All Ilg Clews Fail \$1,000 Reward Posted



A new photograph of Miss Mary Gertrude Ilg, the 23 year old girl who left her home Monday. Search for her baffled relatives, friends and the police departments of both sides of the bay. A reward of \$1,000 was offered last night by the grieving parents.

FAST OCEAN MAIL SERVICE ORDERED FOR THIS CITY

Ships to Be Ready for Operation on Atlantic and Pacific Coasts When Canal Is Ready

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Postmaster General Hitchcock today ordered the establishment of a fast ocean mail service between the principal ports on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and Panama and Colon.

The order calls for a service which shall begin in the autumn of 1914, so as to be in operation when the canal is opened. The contract calls for 16 knot steamers to furnish a weekly service

between New York, New Orleans and Colon; and between Seattle and San Francisco and Panama.

The entering into the contract will open a new era to the commerce of the country, and in opening to the world the Panama canal, an ocean mail service between ports on both coasts of the United States with points in Central and South America will be established.

DEATH REVEALS THE ROMANCE IN WOMAN'S LIFE SACRIFICE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICAGO, July 21.—A romance and life sacrifice was revealed today when Mrs. Kate Porter, 50 years old, a domestic, employed by W. H. Hobbs, a commission merchant, who was killed last evening by an automobile, was identified by her employer.

According to the story told by Hobbs the woman years ago married Selwyn C. Edgar, a wealthy St. Louis steel man, from whom she separated after a son had been born.

CATERPILLARS ON TRACKS STOP TRAIN THREE TIMES

McCLOUD, Cal., July 21.—Black caterpillars so thoroughly "greased the track" for a short Southern Pacific train near here that the engine came to a dead stop three times. The engine was drawing only one coach up the heavy grade between here and Sisson. When about a mile south of McCloud he had passed the caterpillar belt.

MOJAVE GETS IN SUNLIGHT WITH MERCURY ONLY 140!

SAN BERNARDINO, July 21.—All the terrific heat was brought here today by Frank Faxton, who said he was one of the last to leave the valley. At no time, day or night, during the last week, he said, did the thermometer drop below 100, and one night at mid-night registered 112.

MONEY GIVEN TO GIRL BY FIANCE

Detectives Draw Admission From Young Man After Long Conference

PASSING OF 100 HOURS YIELDS NO REAL TRACE

Clew From Menlo Park About Strange Woman Seems to Impress Police of City

WANDERER BEGGED AT DWELLING FOR FOOD

STIMULATED by a reward of \$1,000 offered by the family and friends of Miss Mary Gertrude Ilg, the police of San Francisco and the state are searching for trace of the girl who disappeared from her home at 164 Hartford street Monday night. One hundred hours have elapsed since she was seen.

After another day spent in running down many rumors and clews, the police and private detectives working on the case acknowledge that they are baffled, and although working on but two theories, that of self-destruction and temporary insanity, they admit that they are no farther advanced in their work than when the matter was reported Tuesday.

A close friend of the Ilg family last night, who has known Miss Mary Ilg since her childhood, said the girl seemed to be happy when company was present, but when alone she became depressed. He added that Miss Ilg would never be found alive.

The search for the girl centered mostly in Menlo Park yesterday. Detectives Behan and Furman spent the day working on information that a young woman resembling Miss Ilg passed through Menlo Park Thursday morning. Several persons who saw the woman say she was Miss Ilg beyond a doubt.

On this clew, which Behan and Furman are inclined to believe may develop into something tangible, lies the possibility that Miss Ilg, partly demented, visited Menlo Park Thursday morning after being in the vicinity of Fruitvale Wednesday morning.

Several new facts were brought out yesterday by the detectives delving into the mystery. Detectives Cashel and Webb obtained from H. G. Millar, manager of the Adele Millar company, the institute which treated Miss Ilg for several months, a statement, showing that Miss Ilg paid about 40 visits. Millar said yesterday that Miss Ilg first came to the parlors in the early part of last April and paid \$25 as a deposit on the work.

Gripp Gave Her Money

At the rate of \$5 per hour and \$2.50 a half hour, Miss Ilg, said Millar, visited the establishment many times during the three months, the bills aggregating something like \$50 a month.

Finally, the work finished, Miss Ilg came to the offices of the Millar institute last Monday morning and settled her account in full by paying \$50.

Reinhold H. Gripp, the reputed fiance of the missing girl, admitted to the detectives that he gave Miss Ilg the \$50 with which to settle the account last Monday, but denied giving her any money previous to that time.

Detectives Cashel and Webb, in an interview with Gripp, said that Miss Ilg's fiance admitted that he gave her money from time to time, which aggregated probably \$150.

One of the first tangles in the case which baffled the police was the fact that they could not determine from whence the large sums of money came to pay the bills at the beauty parlor.

Perhaps the most important clew obtained in the mystery was obtained yesterday from Menlo Park. Mrs. Hans Agard, wife of a chauffeur, said that on Thursday forenoon she was approached at her home by a young woman, answering Miss Ilg's description, who asked for something to eat. Mrs. Agard did not have anything in the house at the time, and the woman left.

'Girl Seemed Demented'

The description of the woman whom Mrs. Agard saw and Miss Ilg, the missing girl, tally in every respect except in the purse which the girl carried.

"This woman," declared Mrs. Agard to Bohan and Furman yesterday afternoon, "wore a blue dress and hat such as Miss Ilg wore when she disappeared. The purse was a beaded one, which opened out like a bag."

The purse which Miss Ilg is supposed to have taken with her was a beaded one, but did not open and close in the manner described by Mrs. Agard.