

SCATHING DENUNCIATION SAYS RICKEY DIDN'T OWE THE BANK

Of Methods Employed by the

STATE BANK OFFICIALS

Grand Jury Makes Partial Report--Recommendations are of High Order and Will Result in Much Good to the County.

The investigation of the Grand Jury into the affairs of the State Bank and Trust Company ended last night, and the inquisitorial body is resting on its oars to await the action of District Attorney McCarran.

The report of the body declares that the crime of embezzlement has been committed, and submits to Mr. McCarran to proceed along the lines he deems best to secure evidence looking to the indictment of the bank officials who are guilty of the perpetration of the crimes.

It was nearly 6 o'clock when the report was made to Judge O'Brien, Foreman Charles A. Wencott read every line of the voluminous document and every word of it was listened to with breathless interest.

Judge O'Brien thanked the Grand Jury for its diligent, careful and intelligent work. He said that in accordance with their expressed wishes he would excuse them, instead of discharging them, and he assured them that upon the proper showing being made by the District Attorney's office, the processes of the court would be at the disposal of Mr. McCarran in order to secure proper evidence to be brought before the Grand Jury.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY OF THE COUNTY OF NYE.

February 18, 1908.

Honorable J. P. O'Brien,

Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court, County of Nye.

Dear Sir--We have the honor to submit herewith our partial report made in accordance with our investigation along the several lines during the time in which this body has been in session.

to five members, their reports being made to the body at large and the result of the discussion and findings we beg leave to submit herewith.

Three criminal matters have been considered by us with the result that we beg leave to submit herewith two indictments, one for murder and another for grand larceny, and we beg leave to submit the dismissal of the cases of the State of Nevada vs. Ed. Johnson, on a charge of murder, and the State of Nevada vs. Lillian Simpson on a charge of grand larceny.

COUNTY HOSPITAL. We have investigated the County Hospital and have found it to be well conducted, and in excellent sanitary condition. On account of the inadequate facilities for caring for patients and the difficulty in getting water, we recommend the construction of a suitable bathroom and that the hospital be connected with the water main now within about four hundred feet of the building. Proper ventilators should be constructed for the toilets.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. We inspected the public schools of Tonopah and found the schoolhouse in a neat condition. The stoves in several of the rooms are so placed that these rooms cannot be properly heated. The coal furnished for heating purposes is a poor grade of slack and not fit for heating purposes, especially when it is to be burned in stoves such as the school is equipped with. Teachers and pupils alike complain of the poor heating.

The building is so constructed that it is very noisy, and some means should be taken at once to deaden the noise of the upper floor. This cannot well be done until vacation time, but we recommend that the stairways be equipped with rubber or other suitable matting immediately. From the appearance of some of the pupils we would suggest that a bathroom be furnished so that cleanliness can be taught in a practical way. We do not believe that the upper floor has proper exits for escape in case of fire and we therefore suggest that an additional stairway be placed on the north side of the building. The school trustees are contemplating several necessary improvements as soon as the funds for the same are available. Among these are the needed repair and enlargement of the toilet houses.

COUNTY JAIL. The condition of the jail was found to be excellent, but some means should be taken to establish a ward for women. The cookhouse for feeding the prisoners is in a satisfactory condition.

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Desire Further Time that the District Attorney May Secure More Evidence Against Men Who Wrecked the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE ON BANKING REPORTS TO THE GRAND JURY OF NYE COUNTY:

Perhaps one of the most essential investigations that has taken place during the session of this body has been the examination which has been made into the affairs, condition and standing of the State Bank and Trust Company, and in this respect this committee proposes to be no respecter of persons in the prosecution of its duty. Under the advice of the District Attorney's office, the Grand Jury called before them the State Bank Examiner, and other witnesses for the purpose of eliciting testimony which would enlighten us as to the disposition of moneys placed on deposit with the institution known as the State Bank and Trust Company, that institution having some months ago closed its doors and refused to pay its legitimate depositors. Our action from the first has been blocked and diverted by the officials of the State Bank and Trust Company, and by the apparent negligence, lax dealings and transactions of the State officials who, under the law, should have months ago proceeded in this matter and brought justice to its proper end.

Our request made by your committee of the State Bank and Trust Company, through its cashier, Mr. E. B. Cushman, to inspect personally the various assets and liabilities of the bank and to inspect or ascertain the avenues through which money was diverted from the bank, met with disapproval and denial at the hands of that official and his attorney, and we were compelled to resort for the time being to such information as could be obtained from an incomplete report made to us by the State Bank Examiner, but from which report and other evidences which has been given us and placed before us, we beg leave to say to this honorable body that words fail us when it comes to expressing our condemnation of the manner of management of the business affairs of that institution. Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars were given out of the institution, secured by the most flimsy and frivolous collateral. The earnings, savings and deposits of the people at large seem to have been ruthlessly shuffled away and in its stead there remains in most instances only paper collateral, which, in our estimation, is now and always has been a poor and trivial security for the thousands of dollars which it represents.

Through the State Bank Examiner we demanded the report as made to the State Board of Bank Commissioners on the 16th day of November, 1907, shortly after the suspending of the State Bank and Trust Company, which report under the law, and especially under Section 11 of the law which created the office of the State Bank Examiner, found on page 232 of the Session Laws of 1907, provides it should be kept on file in the office of the said State Bank Examiner.

Our demand was blocked by the advice of the Attorney General in a telegram received by

State Bank Examiner Miller from him, excluding from our observation and inspection that report which he made to the State Bank Commissioners on the 16th day of November, 1907, and after much insistence on our part a duplicate statement of the report was forwarded to us, which was not complete, nor was it the entire report and data as submitted by the Bank Examiner to the State Board of Bank Commissioners.

We would first draw the attention of this body to the question of insolvency. The law, as we find it, prescribes a definition for insolvency on page 304 of the Session Laws of 1907, and holds that a bank shall be deemed to be insolvent: first, when the actual cash market value of its assets is insufficient to pay its liabilities; second, where it is unable to meet the

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MISSING SOLDIER IS CRAPSEY'S SON

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—Sergeant Pierre Compton, wanted by the military authorities at Jefferson barracks for selling government property, is in reality Paul B. Crapsey, son of Algernon S. Crapsey, Episcopal minister, found guilty of heresy and dismissed from his charge at Rochester, Ky. According to a statement made by the sergeant's bride of a year, Compton is on a two-weeks furlough which began last Friday. The wife says she does not know of his whereabouts.

CHAIN GANG WANT THREE MEALS DAY

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 18.—The county chain gang, composed of ten men, refused to go to work today, demanding three meals a day instead of two. Sheriff Montgomery ordered them served bread and water until they are ready to go to work.

FORGED FIFTY THOUSAND CHECK

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 18.—On a warrant charging him with a forgery of \$30,000 check on the Quakertown Bank, Louis S. Cox, an insurance broker, was arrested here today, after a struggle with two detectives.

FIGHTING AT CASA BLANCA.

TANGIERS, Feb. 18.—A wireless message received today from Casa Blanca states that sharp brushes occurred on Sunday and Monday between the troops of General Danaden's forces and the Madahava tribes. Details of the engagement are lacking.

Bank Examiner Miller Testifies that He Couldn't Find Anything Criminal in Former President's Loans.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 18.—The afternoon session of the examination of T. B. Rickey brought out several items of interest in Bank Examiner Miller's cross-examination. He stated that on his investigation he could not report anything criminal in any of Rickey's loans or his connection with the bank. So far as he could ascertain Rickey did not owe the bank a cent. Several clerks of the institution were on the stand and all agreed they had no idea that the bank was insolvent. They, in fact, were among the depositors. As the Bank Commission is not satisfied with the tabulated report, Examiner Miller will immediately go over the accounts of the bank and make another report.

GERMAN MINER COMMITS SUICIDE

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 18.—John Guegel, a German miner, aged 72, was found dead today in a woodshed adjoining his cabin. He committed suicide during the night by shooting himself through the head. Ill health is supposed to be the cause.

ALL PASSENGERS WERE INJURED

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—A special from Sand Point, Idaho, stated that a Burlington passenger train on the Northern Pacific was wrecked at Cocolalla, fourteen miles west of here. Spreading rails is supposed to be the cause. All passengers were reported more or less injured.

SIXTEEN INJURED IN RAILWAY WRECK

NORTH BAY, Ont., Feb. 18.—As the Canadian Pacific railway express from the west was nearing Chapeau, Ont., last night, the wheels of the mail car broke, and several of the coaches were ditched. A Japanese porter was killed, and about sixteen persons injured, some of them seriously.

EXPLOSION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

WHARTON, N. B., Feb. 18.—An explosion in the mixing department of the General Explosives Company in this village today, killed three employees and broke nearly every window within a radius of two miles.

NEGROES STAND BY FORAKER

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 18.—The first test of strength between the white and negro members of the Republican party of Mississippi took place today when the executive committee of the Eight Congressional district met and by a vote of eleven to eight adopted a resolution endorsing J. B. Foraker for President. Only three white Republicans attended the meeting.

STORM RAGING IN EAST

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW IN CHICAGO IMPEDES TRAFFIC.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.—A snow-storm that prevailed all day in Kansas and Western Missouri, continues tonight, but without a low temperature, most points reporting the thermometer above 20 degrees. Trains are not seriously delayed and the storm is highly satisfactory to wheat growers and fruit men. Following a continuous fall of snow, lasting twenty-four hours, accompanied by wind which heaped it into drifts and almost tied up all kinds of street traffic, the mercury began a downward course this evening. Nearly fourteen inches fell, the heaviest in twenty years. Livestock aboard trains suffered considerably.

Violent Storm Visits Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The most violent storm that visited Chicago in many years commenced at 7 o'clock this morning and tonight is raging with increasing violence, with no prospect of lessening in violence before morning. By 4 o'clock this afternoon seven inches of snow had fallen, and it is still coming down heavily. The wind at frequent intervals blew at a velocity of fifty miles an hour. A great number of accidents of a minor character were caused by collisions due to the blinding clouds of snow. At 5 o'clock when the home-going crowd was thickest, the wind was blowing with such force and the snow falling in such blinding sheets it was positively dangerous to attempt to cross Michigan avenue and its intersection with either Jackson boulevard or Van Buren street. Policemen were stationed at the corners to help women cross, as it was out of the question for a woman to cross unassisted.

SENATOR LATIMER'S CONDITION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon the condition of Senator Latimer of South Carolina, who is ill from peritonitis after an operation Sunday, became so alarming that members of his family were summoned. He rallied, however, tonight and is resting more comfortably, though his condition remains critical.

Woman in Cataleptic State for Nine Days

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—In a cell in the insane ward of the county hospital, Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, a resident of this city, the woman who startled local physicians two years ago by sleeping forty days, has again lapsed into a period of unconsciousness. She has now been sleeping nine days, during which time she has not opened her eyes or given a sign that she is alive other than the nervous flutter of her eyelids and an occasional sigh. The woman is afflicted with a rare form of catalepsy. Two years ago, when unconscious for forty days, she could hear the conversation of those about her, but was unable to give any sign that she knew or understood.