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AMBASSADOR MUST ANSWER CHARGES

Accused of Shielding Defunct Bank Official.

BANK WRECK FIGURES IN CASE

Prosecutors Allege They Have Evidence Sufficient to Ruin Ambassador Thompson—The Charge Is Denied by the Ambassador.

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—Somewhat of a sensation was caused in financial circles when it was learned that warrants had been issued for the arrest of J. E. Starr Hunt and three of his associates, charging them with fraud in their handling of the funds of the defunct International Bank and Trust company of America.

This sensation was greatly manifested in the United States. Ambassador Thompson was openly charged with endeavoring to shield Hunt.

The police and secret service agents are looking for Hunt, but have been unable, as yet, to locate him, although they say they are positive he is in the city.

Ambassador Thompson denies any connection with the case, and says the charges against him are absurd.

The International Bank and Trust company was organized in the fall of 1902 and went into the hands of a receiver on Oct. 17, 1903. It was the first bank failure in the republic for 57 years and created a sensation at the time. The bank had seven branches throughout the republic and was capitalized for $1,850,000. When it went to the wall its liabilities totalled $2,584,000.

Hunt was an attorney for the bank and it is declared that he favored creditors and fraudulently and falsely dated numerous promissory notes in order to realize upon them after the institution was in the receiver's hands.

Associated with him in the transactions were J. O. Rice, general manager of the defunct bank; W. O. Staples, a member of the board of directors, and Antonio Rincon Alas, confidential adviser of Hunt.

Charges were brought against the men some time ago, but the matter was postponed from time to time. Finally it was rumored that influences were being brought to bear to quash the proceedings.

Not until Friday night was it definitely known that the men would be prosecuted. When this was made public, L. W. Wilson of the firm of Warner, Johnson & Wilson, attorneys for the liquidating committee, made his charges against the United States ambassador here.

He said:

"We have indisputable evidence that Ambassador Thompson has acted improperly in this case. He went to President Diaz, in an effort to have the proceedings against Hunt dismissed, and later wrote a letter to Judge Ortega, before whom the case was pending, in an endeavor to influence that jurist. We have drawn up a statement embracing these charges and will forward same to the state department at Washington. I believe we have sufficient proof in the case to warrant the recall of the ambassador."

Ambassador Thompson contented himself with a simple denial of the charges.

"I never interceded with the president in behalf of Hunt," he said, "nor did I ever improperly try to influence a court in this case. Let them file their charges. They will find it a serious matter when they cannot prove them. The authorities at Washington know of every move I make here and know that I would not do wrong."

The president of the defunct bank and trust company was C. H. Hunt, now serving a sentence in Joliet, Ills., for bank wrecking. He organized the Pan-American bank after the failure of the International. He is no relative of J. E. Starr Hunt. The latter was secretary of the third Pan-American congress, held in this city some three years ago. At the last congress held in Rio Janeiro he acted as general secretary of the union upon the request of the Brazilian government. His main offices are in Mexico City, but recently he established a branch office in New York city.

COTTON HAUL... FARM

Farmers Refuse Offer of 10.77 Cents For Staple.

Ingleside, Ga., Oct. 29.—"Unless you can pay 11 cents per pound, you don't get the cotton."

This is the reply the farmers in this section are returning the cotton buyers who seek the fleecy staple. Eleven cents has been fixed as the minimum price, and they are determined to stand to the agreement. Not even a bid of 10.77 is sufficient to induce the growers to turn loose their product. The slogan is "11 cents or no cotton."

At a meeting of the Farmers' union men, held at Scottdale, about 135 bales of cotton, which had been brought in for sale, was in evidence. The minimum price fixed by the association was not offered, and the cotton was hauled back home.

A. G. Flake, a cotton buyer, made a bid of 10.77, but it was refused. The farmers were firm in their faith that to take less than the 11-cent minimum price would be disloyal to their union and result in a direct loss to each one of them.

They believe that the recent early frosts has reduced the visible supply and that with increased consumption, cotton must go higher. Since the manufacturer fixes the price of his goods, they are determined to stand together to fix a reasonable price for the product of their labor and expenditures in making a crop.

Hill Free of Charge.

Atlanta, Oct. 29.—Wellborn Hill, a many year resident of Atlanta, against whom a United States grand jury 15 months ago found a true bill charging violation of the postal laws, was given an acquittal by a jury put upon him by the government. Rube Arnold, Judge Sleck and B. H. Hill appeared for the defendant, while District Attorney Tate and his assistant, Mr. Henley, cared for the government. Every inch of the ground was fought vigorously. The witnesses were put upon hot irons. The jury was within the jury room less than three minutes. When it came out Wellborn Hill was a free man, free of even the slightest suspicion.

Bold Attempt at Robbery.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—A bold attempt was made at about noon on Saturday in the center of this city to rob a wagon which was conveying cash from the customs department to the state treasury. Two bombs were thrown in quick succession at the vehicle as it was passing a corner near Ekaterinsk canal, close to a branch of the treasury. The gendarmes escorting the wagon, although wounded by the explosion of the bombs, fired a volley at the robbers. One of the latter was killed, another was wounded and a third was captured. Many bystanders sustained slight injuries as a result of the explosions.

His Skull Crushed by Negro.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 29.—George Faircloth, manager of the Republic Creosote company of Mobile, was the victim of a brutal assault by a negro workman who became angry because the manager insisted that he put in a full day, and struck Faircloth from behind with a 4x5 scantling weighing 50 pounds. Faircloth dropped like a log with a fractured skull. He is in a critical condition. The negro escaped. Mr. Faircloth lately removed here from Indiana.

Holds World's Record.

New York, Oct. 29.—Walter Miller, the jockey whose fine work in the saddle has attracted wide attention, is credited with the world's record this season. Since Jan. 1 he has ridden 304 winning horses and he will largely increase this number before the eastern racing season ends.

Go For Spanish Subjects.

Cadiz, Spain, Oct. 29.—The Spanish cruiser Doma Maria de Molina left here for Arzilla, Morocco, Saturday to take on board the Spanish subjects there whose lives are endangered as a result of the occupation of that town by insurgent tribesmen.

RAWLINS BOYS AGAIN RESPITED

Governor Terrell Approved the Recommendation

OF THE PRISON COMMISSION

Commission Persuaded to Recommend Another Respite Because of the Fact That Appeal of J. G. Rawlins Is Pending Before Supreme Court.

Atlanta, Oct. 29.—Milton and Jesse Rawlins, and the negro, Alf Moore, Lowndes county murderers, have again been respited by Governor Terrell, the prison commission recommended a further respite, and the governor approved the recommendation.

The respite gives the trio a lease on life for 30 days from Nov. 2.

The prison commission was persuaded to recommend an additional respite because of the fact that the appeal of old man J. G. Rawlins, who planned the murder of the Carter children, is still pending in the United States supreme court, and until it has finally been disposed of the commission does not wish to pass upon the applications of Jesse and Milton Rawlins for a commutation of their death sentence to life imprisonment.

Organize Independent Organization.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 29.—The farmers of Trigg county, Kentucky, who are not members of the Dark Tobacco Planters' Protective association, who are familiarly known as "Hill Billies," met at Cadiz, Ky., Friday and organized an independent association. Strong resolutions were adopted in which their position was defined. The forming of the association is the outcome of alleged drastic measures employed by the Dark Tobacco Planters' Protective association, preventing independent buying of tobacco. About 100 planters joined the organization.

Negro Hanged at Aiken.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 29.—Isaac Johnson, a negro, was hanged at Aiken Friday at 11:25 a. m. for criminally assaulting Mrs. Chapin. Johnson committed the crime about four months ago. He was convicted at a recent term of court. He made no statement and went to his doom with apparent concern. The hanging was private, inside the jail yard. There was no demonstration of any kind. A petition had been circulated asking Governor Hoyward to commute his sentence. It was signed by a large number of whites.

Church Sells Commercial Holdings.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 29.—Reports that the Mormon church as an organization is to retire from commercial business were further verified when it was officially announced that the Utah National bank had been sold. In the last four months the Mormon church has disposed of its big holdings in the Utah Light and Railway company, which controls the principal public utilities in this city, its Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad and its big retail department store at Ogden.

Compromise Is Effected.

Albany, Ga., Oct. 29.—The anticipated bitter political fight over the raising of the liquor license in Albany to $1,000 was forestalled Friday night by a compromise reached by representative committees of the liquor and high license factions. According to the compromise agreement which council has agreed to adopt, rigid regulations are to be placed on the liquor traffic. The number of saloons is to be reduced to 20 and the license raised to $400.

Liabilities $10,526; No Assets.

New York, Oct. 29.—Moses Ellis Wooster, a solicitor, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $10,526 and no assets. He was the solicitor who testified in the proceedings against Town Topics, and it was through him that the revelations about "Fads and Fancies" were made.

BLOODHOUNDS TREE BAD NEGRO

But Despite This the Negro Made Good His Escape From Arrest.

Dublin, Ga., Oct. 29.—The negro, Feidon Edmunds, who shot J. A. Hogan, at Dudley, last Saturday, is still at large.

Dogs from the convict camp that were put upon his track had the negro up a tree during the night, in Turkey creek swamp, near Blue Water, but Oscar Skelton, the man in charge of the dogs, had no horse to go into the swamps with, and no one with him, and so the negro got away. Skelton returned to the camp, leaving the dogs on guard, intending to return to them the next day with more help.

When the party reached the swamp the next morning they found where the dogs had had Edmunds treed, and found several places where he fought with the dogs, pieces of broken limbs of trees having blood and hair upon them being found.

The negro outwitted the dogs in some way, however, and by getting into the run of the creek got away.

One of the dogs returned to the camp thoroughly exhausted, but the other one has never shown up, and it is believed that in a fight Edmunds had with the dog, after leaving the tree, the dog was killed.

Alarmed at Berkman's Disappearance.

New York, Oct. 29.—Emma Goldman and certain of her followers were a good deal alarmed on Friday night over reports from Cleveland that Alexander Berkman, who is telling his prison experiences in western Socialistic centers, dropped out of sight there on Wednesday. Miss Goldman sent telegrams to Columbus, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Buffalo and Rochester in an effort to get trace of him. Berkman left here two weeks ago on a lecture trip. Miss Goldman was seen Friday night when she went to her home, where she is known as Miss Smith. She was laboring under great excitement, but would not express any opinion as to what has happened to Berkman. Among Miss Goldman's intimates it was said Friday night that she thinks he has either been kidnaped by detectives, or has committed suicide.

Will Manufacture Postage Stamps.

New York, Oct. 29.—After Feb. 1 next the American Bank Note company will manufacture all United States postage stamps. Under a contract made public Friday, the concern must deliver 27,000,000 stamps daily six times a week. The American Bank Note company made the first postage stamps for the government and held the contract up to 13 years ago. At that time the government went into business itself by manufacturing the Columbian issue, and down to this date the bureau of printing and engraving has turned out all stamps. According to Warren L. Green, president of the Bank Note company, the government decided to employ a private institution again because it can do the work cheaper.

Mayor Schmitz In London.

New York, Oct. 29.—A Herald special from London Saturday conveys an interview with Eugene Schmitz, mayor of San Francisco, who is at present in the British capital spending much of his time in visiting London's municipal districts in order to see how affairs are administered and the class of building that is in vogue. Mr. Schmitz said that in reconstructing San Francisco they must build for the people that will live there 200 years hence, and that was his reason in visiting Europe. He intends to visit other cities on the Continent, he said, and his visits to Liverpool and Glasgow, already made, had been useful.

Defensive Alliance Made.

New York, Oct. 29.—A London dispatch published here claims that a defensive alliance has been made between Great Britain and Italy which is to become operative whenever the triple alliance between Germany and Austria shall have expired. This regrouping of the great powers, says the dispatch, is the result of the national outcome of the destruction of the balance of power in Europe consequent on the paralysis of Russia in the Japanese war.

OVERDUE SCHOO ARRIVES AT

Reports Nothing See Schooner Emma

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Charleston, S. C., Oct. schooner Susan Bryan ha with a rice cargo, much ov the result of having enco storm Saturday, and being of her course.

The crew reports nothin the schooner Emma S., w she was in company before and which is supposed to with a crew of four men.

Big Verdict Awarde

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 29 dict awarding $66,500 dama Court Street Theater con Buffalo, against the Empi company, known as the Trust, was returned by a j supreme court Friday night tion for a new trial was Justice Marcus and an app ably will be taken. T Street Theater company sue pire Circuit company for alleging that it had conspir the business of the plaint ducing managers to break contracts for engagements der threat of entire exclu the numerous burlesque ho trolled by the Empire Cir pany throughout the Unite A number of managers their contracts, and the th closed on Jan. 31, 1902, never reopened.

Ice Cutting Bids Open

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 2 ice cutting bids were throw the United States governm Saturday. The privileges the entire area of the Wat and the government require tons annually be delivered t ernment for use in the g arsenal and shops here. June the government made to secure financial returns holdings, but as investigat that disposing of governmen sions not needed for its ow against the ordinances, th was stopped. The so-called it was alleged, had taken locations on the pond to of fair competition.

Will Not Repair Locomo

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct special to the Sentinel fro Tenn., says machinists in shops used jointly by the and Norfolk and Western Bristol have refused to Southern railway's "dead" tives in Bristol. It is stat parently good authority Southern will take non-union ists to Bristol to repair the tives, and if this is done machinists now working for folk and Western will wa sympathy with the strike Southern railroad has issue bargo against the connectin Knoxville and freight traffi creased.

Rescued From Fire

Columbus, O., Oct. 29 terrified people were rescue day in a fire in the upper the Palm hotel, on High st fire caught from defective cut off the guests from esca stairways. Firemen place and carried half suffocat women and children down their night clothes.

Allege Unfair Business M

New York, Oct. 29.—The Oil company obtained a per the federal court in Jersey day to take testimony in try in a suit it has start many against the Eagle O a New Jersey corporation "unfair business methods."