

BANKER NOT MAD; GOES INTO HIDING

Robin Leaves Sanatorium and Reaches New York.

PLACES LOSS AT \$800,000

Banking Department Not Ready to Issue Statement.

More Developments in Career of Financier Who Gained Control of New York Banks—One Institution Forecasts Possibility of Run by Claiming Right to Defer Payments. Indictment Is Looked For.

New York, Dec. 28.—When Dr. Carlos F. Macdonald, of the Central Valley Sanatorium, came to examine Joseph G. Robin, who was committed to that institution on Monday by Justice Amend...

After a day of watching and wild stories of flight, District Attorney Whitman was told to-night that Robin is in this city. Former District Attorney Jerome, who has been retained by Dr. Robinovitch as Robin's lawyer, called Mr. Whitman on the telephone and announced that he knew where his client was. Mr. Jerome promised to hand Robin over to the district attorney whenever he shall be wanted.

Will Produce Robin. Mr. Whitman said that under the circumstances he would, of course, give up the hunt. He said that Mr. Jerome's assurance to produce the alleged madman were sufficient. The district attorney knows where Robin is staying. It is in Manhattan, but he would not say where.

Dr. Macdonald told the district attorney that on Tuesday night he ordered Robin out of his sanatorium, but that on the strength of Dr. Robinovitch's pleas to stay till morning he allowed them. There was a good deal of doubt as to who was responsible for Robin after he had been committed to the sanatorium. Dr. Macdonald called the district attorney on the telephone early in the morning and tried to impress it upon him that he had no idea that criminal proceedings against Robin were pending; otherwise he declared he would not have accepted him as a patient. The doctor averred that he did not get an inkling of the affair until he read about it in the afternoon papers on Tuesday.

Another person anxious to explain things to Mr. Whitman was Dr. Max Schlapp.

Says He Was Deceived. He called in person to say that he had been deceived the same as Dr. Macdonald. He explained that he had read upon information furnished him by Robin's family, meaning Dr. Robinovitch. She told him that her brother had been addicted to strange delusions for some time. He believed that women sleuths were hounding him. The doctor said that she offered as conclusive proof of Robin's insanity the twitching of the muscles in his face. And above all, said Dr. Schlapp, she brought forth a certificate signed by herself presuming that no criminal action was pending against her brother.

It was learned to-day that Superintendent of Banks Cheney informed Robin last night.

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BLAST KILLS SEVEN.

Premature Explosion in Slag Pile at Mexican Smelter.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—Attempting today to blast away a slag pile at the El Paso smelter, Mexican workmen accidentally exploded 200 pounds of blasting powder, and came near wrecking the plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company, the second largest in the world. It was damaged considerably. The explosion caused a loss of probably seven lives and injured twenty others. Property was damaged severely in the immediate vicinity of the explosion, and windows were broken three miles away. Many small homes of Mexicans in the vicinity of the smelter were badly damaged, and in these most of the injured were located.

The men were tunneling beneath the slag pile when the explosion occurred, and the tunnels saved those who escaped with their lives, as the slag merely poured down around them, and they survived until dug out.

To-night at dark Guillermo Dominguez and Florentino Maitarro had been taken out dead, and as nothing could be heard from the five men unaccounted for and believed to be in the tunnel nearest the explosion they are all supposed to be dead.

SHEATHS FOR HAT PINS.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Women here must sheath their hatpins, or they will be liable to a fine of from \$1 to \$500. The upper and lower houses of the city council passed the hatpin ordinance last night. Mayor Brown has said he will sign it.

How the hatpins are to be made harmless is not stated in the new ordinance. The women must figure it out for themselves.

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DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS.



JAMES CECIL HOOE.

PASSED AWAY AT VIRGINIA HOME

Popular Washingtonian a Victim of Consumption.

CLUBMAN AND BANK DIRECTOR

James C. Hooe, whose friendships reached far and wide, succumbed to disease after a courageous fight for life—his career a notable one here at the Capital.

James Cecil Hooe, of Washington, died at his country home, "Whitehall," at Bluemont, Va., at 8:40 o'clock last night. The message announcing his demise was not unexpected. He had been ill since the summer, and for the last month his condition was so precarious that no hope was entertained for his recovery. His illness originally was not considered serious, but pulmonary trouble developed, with complications, and the best specialists were unable to master the disease.

He remained at Bluemont of his own choice, living and sleeping in the open air, and was hopeful and courageous to the end. Friends in Washington kept in constant touch with him, and he had every attention and comfort that love and solicitude could provide.

A Popular Washingtonian.

Mr. Hooe, who maintained law offices in the Union Trust Building and had a winter home in Massachusetts avenue, near Sheridan Circle, was one of the well-known and well-liked men of Washington. His acquaintance in official and business life was wide, and he was especially popular in newspaper circles. He possessed in rare degree the qualities of good fellowship, and his genial, cheery and optimistic nature made his friendships strong and enduring.

Somewhat past forty years of age, and a native of Virginia, he spent all of his mature life in Washington. He held a position in the Agricultural Department years ago under Sterling Morton and later became the secretary of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, widow of the California Senator. He was intrusted with the management of her affairs in Washington, and this was also brought into business relationship with her son, William Randolph Hearst.

Esteemed by Public Men.

He was known to and esteemed by public men in all parts of the country. Active in Virginia politics, he was proposed two years ago as an available candidate for Congress in the Eighth district, but declined to enter the race for the nomination.

He was a member of the Metropolitan and other clubs, and a director of the Commercial National Bank. He traveled often in the course of his business, and was almost as much at home in New York, Boston, Chicago, or San Francisco, where he had strong affiliations, as in Washington.

He married, several years ago, a daughter of the late Nelson Dingley, Jr., the Maine statesman who framed the tariff bill bearing his name, and she survives, with two children, a boy and a girl.

Only a brief message announcing his death was received in Washington. The arrangements for the funeral will be made known to-day.

FIND BODY OF GRACE.

Fishermen Near Franco-Belgian Frontier Make Report.

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Express is responsible for a report that the body of a man dressed in English clothes, believed to be that of Cecil Grace, the aviator who was lost while attempting to make a return flight from France, has been washed up by the sea at Adinkerke, near the Franco-Belgian frontier. Fishermen came upon the body.

GIVES A BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE AGE OF 117 YEARS

Esther Davis, Inmate of Home of Daughters of Jacob, Entertains Friends with Reminiscences.

New York, Dec. 28.—A rosy-cheeked old woman, believed to have lived 117 years, had a birthday party to-day at the Home of the Daughters of Jacob, 301 East Broadway, where she has lived for the last seven years. From 4 o'clock in the afternoon until it was bedtime for her at 7:30, she received her friends and participated in the gaiety of the occasion.

Old Esther Davis, for she is the oldest in the home, and it was her birthday, shook her head when she was asked to join the dancing. It was not because she did not lack the spirit, but seven years ago an express wagon ran over her leg, and from that day until now she has been unable to walk unassisted. But some of the committee of five—the youngest is 103 years—shuffled a little on the floor just to show that they could still dance.

Born in the town of Yagostov, Province of Souvalk, Russia, Mrs. Davis claims that she can remember giving hot soup to Napoleon's retreating army, "and I was quite a big girl then," she says. She was brought to the home seven years ago by Mrs. Esther Phillips, of 33 East Ninety-third street, and Mrs. Phillips, who is eighty-nine years old, remembers Esther Davis when Mrs. Phillips was a little girl in Russia. Then Esther Davis was a married woman, and the mother of three children. Esther Davis, according to the records of the home, has been in this country thirty-two years ago, until the accident of seven years ago, made her living by selling candies.

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TAFT WILL FIGHT FOR PANAMA FORTS

Treaty Provision Discussed at Important Conference.

MILLIONS NEEDED NOW

President Will Send Array of Arguments to Congress.

Although Several Congress Leaders Favor Knox Neutralization Plan, the Administration Will Seek Immediate Appropriation Which Will Start Project, and Special Message Will Be Sent to Congress.

The policy of the administration with reference to the fortification of the Panama Canal probably will depend largely upon the result of a conference at the White House last night between President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, Senator Flint, of California, chairman of the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals, and Representative Mann, of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

While no official statement was given out and reticence was maintained by the parties to the conference, it is accepted that Mr. Knox's presence means that the treaty provision which has been so often quoted of late by advocates of the protection of the canal by neutralization was under discussion.

The President realizes that the proposition to spend about \$20,000,000 for the fortification of the canal—\$7,000,000 being asked for this year to begin the work—will not have plain sailing in Congress.

Opposed by Taft.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, gave out an interview in Panama, a couple of weeks before Congress convened, bitterly attacking the administration's fortification scheme and advocating the neutralization idea. Representative Foster, of Vermont, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House, yesterday came out emphatically in favor of the protection of the canal by neutralization and not by fortification.

The views of these two prominent members of the House are entertained by many of the rank and file. Consequently, the President and his advisers realize that, the fortification plan being agreed upon, it will be necessary to get to work at the earliest possible moment in order to secure sufficient strength in both branches of Congress to put the project through.

Once the initial appropriation is made, the rest will be easy. Not even those members of Congress who do not believe in large expenditures for war or preparation for war will be likely to oppose the appropriation of a sufficient sum to complete canal fortifications upon which the government had already expended millions.

But the trouble is to get sufficient votes this session to authorize the expenditure of the initial \$7,000,000. That is what the President and his advisers discussed last night.

Special Message Coming.

It is accepted as certain that President Taft will send a special message to Congress on this subject early in January. Having consistently advocated the fortification of the canal, as the only logical means of protecting that waterway, it is not considered at all likely that he will change his mind at the eleventh hour.

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BENN PITMAN DEAD.

Founder of Phonographic Institute a Noted Character.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Benn Pitman, founder of the Pitman Phonographic Institute and brother of Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of phonetic shorthand, died at his home, in Columbia avenue, in this city, to-night.

Mr. Pitman was born in England eighty-eight years ago. He gained a national reputation as a wood carver, and his home here is said to be one of the most wonderful examples of this art in the world.

He was one of the first shorthand reporters to be employed by the United States government. He was employed to report the famous McCormick reaper cases, when Abraham Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton were counsel. During the war he was employed to report court-martial. One of his most famous cases was the trial of the conspirators with Booth in the assassination of Lincoln.

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SLAVES OF FASHION.



Cunningham

REBELS IN MEXICO ATTACK AMERICANS

No Report of Battle Being Fought Near Malpaso.

City of Mexico, Dec. 28.—Although a report was published here to-day that a junction had been effected between Gen. Narrao's troops and the troops sent from Chihuahua, the minister of war denies it. He says the government has not been notified yet as to how things are going there. Official news was received yesterday that a battle was proceeding at Malpaso. The minister of war says nothing definite has been received regarding the outcome. News is expected to-morrow.

The revolution which broke out in Tabasco Monday is said to be getting worse. The government has sent troops there from Vera Cruz. Gunboats are being sent from other points. This rising is said to be directly connected with the Madero movement. It is considered here to be extremely serious.

AMERICAN HOMES ATTACKED.

Several attacks have been made on haciendas owned by Americans. News from official sources say the government has won every encounter.

A report from Yucatan says the Maya Indians are in revolt near the border of the Quintana Roo. Large bands are attacking farms. They held up and robbed a train yesterday. The government is sending troops there. The trouble now being reported here is as serious as half the standing army is at present in Chihuahua.

Rafael Madero, an uncle of the revolutionary leader, is in Mexico City with his brother. In an interview to-day he said his presence here had no political significance. He came here to see about a contract for rubber plantations. He declares that he is unable to understand why his nephew took up arms against the government. He believes that outside influences, probably from the United States, led him to follow the course he is pursuing.

HAVE CUT HIM OFF.

Neither he nor his family know anything about his nephew's whereabouts. He declares he has no further interest in him and have cut him off entirely, having no sympathy in any way with the revolution, which he declares is entirely a local revolt against the state government.

It is reported here that Madero has sent word to President Diaz that if he is unable to overthrow the government he will make so much trouble that the United States will be compelled to intervene to save American interests in this country.

BUY GOLD ENAMELS.

Seligman Pays Million Francs for Byzantine Ware.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Jacques Seligman has bought the Swenigorodskoi collection of Byzantine enamels on gold of the ninth century. It is understood that the price paid was 1,000,000 francs. Mr. Rey, a New York partner of the Seligman firm, who is correspondent that the collection had been bought for J. Pierpont Morgan, but refused to state the price paid. He collected, which the Russian authorities regret to have leave the country, will probably go to London.

"SALOME" WITHOUT THE HEAD

Disk Covered with a Clean Napkin Meets All Objections.

London, Dec. 28.—The elimination of the head of John the Baptist in the Covent Garden production of "Salome" has not appeared the objectors who seem to have been hardly less shocked by the blood-stained charger which is used than they were by their fear of seeing the head which they never saw. Nevertheless, the bloody dish was retained, until to-night, when, in deference to the hostile sentiment and after further discussion with the censor, the management substituted a dish covered with a clean napkin, under which the prophet's head is supposed to be concealed. This, it is said, meets all objections.

Mardi Gras Celebration.

Southern Railway will sell Mardi Gras tickets February 21 to 27 in Pensacola, Mobile, and New Orleans at greatly reduced fares. Four fast trains daily.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Rain to-day and to-morrow; colder to-morrow night; light to moderate southerly winds, becoming variable.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- 1.—New York Banker Not Mad. James C. Hooe Dead. Taft Wants Canal Fortified. American Homes Attacked in Mexico. Exercise Stone American Consul. 2.—Exercises at High Schools. Taxi Strikers Get Aid. 3.—National Unionists Celebrate. 4.—Dr. D. E. Wilber Dead. 5.—Tariff Bill to Be a Compromise. American Powder All Right. 6.—Society in the Nation's Capital. 7.—Hints for Bargain Hunters. 8.—News of the Sporting World. 9.—Urges Uncle Sam to Clean Walks. 11.—Commercial and Financial. 12.—Boy Scout Head Sees Taft.

SILVER WEDDING PLANS UNDER WAY

Tafts to Celebrate Anniversary in White House.

President and Mrs. Taft will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on June 19. And they will celebrate it in the White House, too. They have decided that whatever their plans may be for and after that date, they will so arrange things as to be here in Washington on June 19, regardless of weather and other conditions.

It is understood that the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of the President and the first lady of the land will be a notable affair. Washington society is already talking about it, and it is expected that foreign governments, in a pleasantly informal way, will recognize the event.

Silver weddings in the White House are not so frequent that President and Mrs. Taft care to lose the opportunity of having their celebration in the historic mansion.

HARRY LEHR TIRED.

Society Man Is Taking Rest Cure at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Harry S. Lehr, society man of Baltimore and New York, is a patient at St. Agnes' Hospital, where he is taking the rest cure. He went to that institution a few days ago and expects to remain there a fortnight. He came to Baltimore three weeks ago suffering from nervous indigestion and was frequently seen on the streets. His original plan was to go to Hot Springs, Va., after spending some time with his mother, and his wife joined him for the purpose of making the trip. The improvement in Mr. Lehr's condition, however, was not as rapid as had been expected, and upon the advice of his physician he decided to go to St. Agnes' Hospital.

FINGER PRINTS RIGHT.

Vindication of Method on Which Doubt Was Recently Cast.

London, Dec. 28.—About a week ago a man was arraigned in the High Court Police Court on a misdemeanor charge, but was acquitted when he produced proof that finger prints the police claimed were taken upon the occasion of a previous conviction could not be his, as he was serving in the army at the time.

This was the first time that identification by means of finger prints failed. Now the infallibility of that method has been vindicated. It has been discovered that the man referred to was never a soldier. He stole the proofs of another's army service.

New evidence has been obtained sustaining the police charge that he had previously been sentenced on another charge.

Yale Dramatic Club, Columbian Theatre.

To-morrow 2:15; Club on tickets in receipt.

Choicest Flowers at Blackstone's.

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CONSUL IN DAIREN BEATEN BY NATIVES

A. A. Williamson Severely Injured in Attack.

IS A WASHINGTON BOY

Assault by Japanese and Chinese Unprovoked.

United States Representative at Manchurian Post Painfully Hurt When Set Upon by Two Nipponese and One Chinaman—Affair May Assume International Aspect—Victim Was Born in This City.

The United States vice and deputy consul, Adolph A. Williamson, at Dairen, in Manchuria, was attacked by a street party of Japanese and Chinese on Friday last, and so severely injured that he was unable to receive several Japanese dignitaries who called officially upon him the next day. Advice to this effect were received in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Williamson was accosted by two Japanese and one Chinese at a fish market in Dairen, who spoke to him in both the Russian and the Japanese languages, ordering him to leave the market. Mr. Williamson replied to them in excellent Japanese that he was willing to go away, but would like to know why he was requested to do so. Upon this the three fell upon him, beat him with a bamboo stick about the head and face, and one of the number hurled a large piece of ice at him, inflicting a severe scalp wound.

Police Arrest Assaults. After a hard struggle the consul escaped from his assailants and took refuge in a police box, while the police arrested two of the attacking party.

It was late in the evening before Mr. Williamson could return to the consulate, where he received the attention of a British physician.

While there is a very obvious attempt on the part of all officially connected with State matters to minimize the international importance of the affair, this does not lessen in the minds of those who discussed its significance last night the fact that the person of a representative of any foreign nation is inviolate and immune from attacks.

Although the attack was made almost a week ago and an official report called at once, no information was given out at the time. The reports that have since come in from unofficial sources were, however, admitted to be true in the main last night.

Was Born in Washington. Special interest attaches to the case, as Mr. Williamson is a native of Washington, having been born here in 1882. He was graduated from the Western High School in 1902, and was in the real estate business here for three years.

For a year and a half Mr. Williamson was the physical instructor at the Y. M. C. A., a qualification which doubtless proved valuable to him in this recent experience. He has also been a newspaper correspondent for nearly two years. While in Washington he was a sergeant in the District National Guard.

In 1906 he was appointed student interpreter in Japan, and holds that position yet, although he was appointed vice consul and deputy consul at Dairen on December 10, 1908, and is detailed to the American consul's office as an official interpreter.

Mr. Williamson is also registered as a student of Japanese history and of the dialects spoken in the several parts of the islands throughout the Japanese possessions. He is regarded as one of the most proficient students of the Japanese language and reads, writes, and speaks the language with fluency.

It was said last night by one of Mr. Williamson's friends that he has been only recently married.

Dairen, the name of the port at which Mr. Williamson is stationed, is the new name given to the Japanese have given to the old Dairen in Manchuria, since that country has been annexed to Japan.

TURKS WIN BATTLE.

Property Worth Millions Involved in Recovery Suit.

Druses Defeated with Great Loss in Syria.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Telegrams from Damascus report a conflict between Turkish troops and Druses (Syrians) last week. The Druses lost 400 in killed and wounded, and 600 of their men were made prisoners. The Turks lost eighty-five in killed and wounded.

SEE A BOMB PLOT.

London Police Believe Arrest Is a Portentous One.

London, Dec. 28.—A Russian convict who was brought to London from an outside prison is alleged to have given information of a plot in which thirty desperate men are said to be concerned.

The newspapers teem with rumors and surmises. One professes to know that the police are considering the theory that the plot was intended to develop at the coronation of King George in June.

On the other hand, there are more probable suggestions that the discovery reveals nothing approaching an anarchist conspiracy, and that the men are merely an organized gang of burglars.

Meanwhile the translation of the numerous letters seized by the police is going on. Nothing in regard to the case has been officially divulged.

Bert Williams at New Howard.

Bert Williams, of "The Polles of 1910" company, which is appearing at the New National Theater this week, will appear at the New Howard Theater this afternoon as a special attraction.

Cruiser Sails for Pensacola.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 28.—The German cruiser Hansa sailed hence to-day for Pensacola.

Matinee, Helen Ward, "The Deserters."

To-day 2:15. Columbia Theater. Sec to 10.00.