

WESTWARD IT GOES.

The Financial Troubles Have Reached Helena, Montana.

TWO LARGE BANKS CLOSED

The First National and the Montana National suspend payment—they were the two largest banks in the state. One of them being the pioneer—Other failures and financial news from all parts of the world.

HELENA, MON., July 28.—The financial troubles have reached Helena, and resulted in the closing of two of the largest banks in the state. They were the First National and the Montana National. The First National is the pioneer bank, of which S. T. Hauser is president. Its directory includes some of the wealthiest men in Montana.

For three weeks there has been a steady drain on the banks and Wednesday afternoon the day's business was over there was very little cash on hand. That night the directors met and as a result the following notice was yesterday morning posted on the door:

"We are compelled to suspend business owing to the stringency in the money market, and heavy drafts on deposits and our ability to make corresponding reductions in loans. Our assets are ample, but we can not command the currency to continue payments."

A statement shows assets \$3,771,680; liabilities, \$2,590,762. The bank had a capital of \$500,000, and its business extended all over the northwest.

John T. Murphy was president of the Montana National. It was regarded as strong as the First National. It had a capital of \$500,000 and its statement shows assets of \$1,750,000; liabilities \$900,000. The directors desired a voluntary liquidation, and its close was due to the same reason that forced the suspension of the First National.

At the opening hour the main streets in front of the banks were crowded with people, the largest number being about the Merchants' National. There was a steady run on this bank for three hours, but it came out all right. The officers say they received more cash during the day than was withdrawn. There was no run on the other banks. President Edgerton of the Second National says he made a slight gain in deposits.

Cashier Baird of the Helena National says there was no run on that bank, as also does Cashier Johnson of the American National. There was no hurry among the depositors in the savings banks. The general opinion is that the people have gotten over the excitement and that the banks now doing business will be able to keep open.

The only mercantile failure reported was that of the Thomas Paynter Drug company.

NEW YORK CLEARINGHOUSE.

Over a Million Dollars Worth of Certificates Issued in One Day.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The clearinghouse committee were in session yesterday afternoon. The long conference gave the rumor bureau an opportunity to start the report that a large bank was in trouble, and the announcement of an issue of \$1,350,000 of clearinghouse certificates let some strength to this report. Later the amount of certificates was said to be only \$350,000, but at the end of the meeting the clearinghouse officials stated that the original amount of \$1,350,000 was right.

Their long session, they said, was due to the large amount of work before them in the way of shifting loans, caused largely by the great depreciation in prices. They emphatically denied the story of a bank being in trouble, and said that every bank in the clearinghouse, and so far as they knew, every outside bank in this city, was in good shape. Those who met at the clearinghouse were all of the opinion that the situation was somewhat better, but still serious.

GOLD COMING OVER.

Nearly Three Million Dollars Will Be Shipped From London.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Several of the banks here decided to extend to the large exchange houses any aid which may be necessary to facilitate the importation of gold. Owing to the low rates of exchange, several large houses considered it a favorable time to purchase gold paid to this end, and they approached the banks to ascertain if the necessary accommodation would be extended. The banks replied that every facility would be afforded them, and on the strength of this nearly \$3,000,000 of gold was ordered for Saturday's shipment from the other side. Of this, Lazarus Frere imports \$1,000,000; J. & W. Seligman \$1,000,000; Von Hoffman & Company \$200,000.

The members of the clearinghouse committee wish it stated that the clearinghouse has nothing whatever to do with this arrangement, for importing, it being a matter solely between the various banks and their customers.

CRISIS IN DENVER.

State Troops Called Out to Guard the National Banks.

DENVER, July 28.—A company of Colorado National guards has been on duty in the People's National bank for the past 24 hours. It was feared that in the present excited state of the public mind the developments in the affairs of the bank might lead to an attack on that institution.

President Lawrence and his family left the city yesterday morning and the charge against him was continued to Saturday morning.

The police had their hands full last

night, several thousand men swarmed in the lower sections of the city, though without any definite purpose in view. Whenever they attempted to congregate or orators attempt to address them the gathering was promptly dispersed. The national guard is on duty at the armory, and any attempt at disturbance will be promptly suppressed.

The chamber of commerce has passed resolutions demanding the removal of Chief of Police Kellogg, who has just entered upon his duties, and the appointment of some man able to cope with the present condition.

BANK FAILURES.

Three Hundred and One Have Taken Place Since May 1.

BALTIMORE, July 28.—A summary of the bank failures in the United States from May 1 to July 22, inclusive, shows that 301 banking institutions, with a capital of \$88,951,033, suspended.

The Manufacturers' Record publishes a complete list of the closed banks by states, also a table which shows that five-sixths of these failures and four-fifths of the capital involved were in the western and pacific states, while only 10 per cent of the failures and 11 per cent of the capital involved were in the south.

In Colorado alone the capital involved was nearly \$2,000,000 greater than the aggregate capital of all the banks that failed in the south. The number of failures in the southern states was 37, involving \$4,392,100; in the western and Pacific states the number was 251, involving \$81,258,933; and in the eastern and northern states 13, with \$2,600,000 capital.

Dullness in the Jewelry Trade.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., July 28.—Owing to the extreme dullness in the jewelry trade, due to the lack of orders from large jobbing houses in the west, manufacturers in Plainville, North Attleboro, Attleboro Falls and this town have been compelled to close their shops. There are no signs of any business during August, and now a petition is being circulated among jewelry makers for a general shutdown until Sept. 1. It has received many signatures and the present indications are that all of the factories will close. In this event no less than 6,000 persons will be out of employment for four weeks or over.

Receiver For a Railroad.

NEW YORK, July 28.—A circular was issued through the office of the vice president of the New York, Erie and Western road notifying the general public and everybody connected with the road that the receivers have formally taken possession of the property. The business of the company and all the auxiliary companies will be operated as heretofore, the circular states. The officials, agents and employees of the corporation continue in their respective positions without change of title. The wages and other salary obligations now being paid will continue to be paid as heretofore.

Lacked Ready Capital.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 28.—A receiver has been appointed for the Wilmington Dental Manufacturing company of this city. The company is perfectly solvent. Its liabilities are about \$200,000; and the assets \$615,000. The firm has enough first class bills due them to pay all indebtedness. The receiver was asked for by the board of directors unanimously. The object was to protect all interested. The company's factories here are still at work. There are branch offices in Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington.

Wants an Extension of Time.

PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—S. H. Morrison, an extensive lumber merchant, suspended business and asked for an extension of time from his creditors. His liabilities are said to be \$100,000. Mr. Morrison says if given from three to 12 months he can cancel all liabilities and have a balance of \$50,000. He also says he can pay off 25 per cent of the entire indebtedness now, if given these extensions.

New Bank Closed Up.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., July 28.—The new Farmers' bank of this city has closed its doors. The failure was caused by an inability to realize on its paper. The deposits are about \$200,000. The bank holds first class paper to the amount of \$600,000. The depositors will be paid in full and the officers of the bank hope to be able to resume in a short time. The capital stock is \$250,000.

Financially Embarrassed.

BOSTON, July 28.—Ticknor & Company, publishers, are financially embarrassed, and have made an assignment to Colonel Charles Fairchild. Besides the book publishing business, the firm publishes The American Architect. It is thought that they will have no difficulty in affecting an amicable adjustment.

Foreign Gold.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The United States assay office received \$210,000 in foreign gold. The Hanover National bank expects to deposit \$205,000 in foreign gold. All of this gold was received from Europe and the West Indies this week.

Another Kentucky Bank Closed.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., July 28.—The First National bank of this place closed its doors. The First National had a capital of \$50,000 and its individual deposits aggregated usually \$30,000.

Lime Dealer Assigns.

BOSTON, July 28.—A. C. F. Sorrell, dealer in lime and cement, has assigned. The liabilities are about \$80,000 and the nominal assets about \$12,000.

BUCKEYSBURG, O., July 28.—Jacob Schaal, living near Spare, committed suicide by hanging himself. He was 43 years old and leaves a wife and two children. Financial trouble was the cause.

QUIETING DOWN.

The Denver Lynching Not Followed by Any Other Trouble.

DENVER, July 28.—It was feared that the lynching of Arata might have the effect of making the lawless element of the city bolder in their operations, especially with so many unemployed men about. Mayor Van Horn issued the following proclamation:

"All citizens of Denver who prize the good name of our city and state are earnestly requested at this time to refrain from congregating on the streets and elsewhere, and speakers are requested to abstain from addressing all assemblages of laboring men and others. The state, county and city are doing everything possible to help the needy. Let us have no unnecessary excitement."

Officers have been stationed in all the tough sections of the city who promptly report any suspicious gatherings. The Italian section especially is carefully watched. Sheriff Burchinell quietly slipped Naori, the accessory to the murder of B. C. Lightfoot, to the penitentiary at Canon City to avoid a repetition of Wednesday night's outbreak.

It had been rumored about the city that an attempt would be made to lynch him.

Details of the national guard have been on duty visiting the gun stores of the city to see that no suspicious quantities of ammunition might be distributed among the incendiary.

It is the general opinion that no steps will be taken to prosecute any of the ringleaders of the mob, though a few of them will probably be indicted.

The coroner began an inquest on the body of Arata but it was secret and nothing has been given out.

Governor Waite has been criticized severely because of his well known antipathy to capital punishment. It is claimed that the certainty of a reprieve should Arata be convicted and sentenced to death had much to do with the friends of the murdered man taking the law into their own hands.

WRECKED BY DYNAMITE.

Saloonkeeper Unheeded the Warning and His Place is Obliterated.

BROOKLYN, Ind., July 28.—George E. Moss has been running a saloon here for some time. This did not suit the better class of citizens. Last night some one placed dynamite under the building, blowing up the saloon. No one was injured. This is the second time that a saloon has been blown up here. One saloonkeeper was given 40 lashes and several others received notice to withdraw or suffer the consequences. They accepted the advice and withdrew.

It is a noted fact that a saloon can not long survive in this place. There is a condition in all of the original deeds that if liquors are ever sold on the premises the land returns to the possession of the original owner, Mr. Franklin Landers. This condition was tested in the Morgan county courts about a year ago and was held to be good.

Incendiary Fires at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, July 28.—During the past week something like a dozen incendiary fires have occurred, causing more or less loss. Last night the watchman at the city hall, in making his rounds through the corridors of the building, met a strange man, who fled toward the main entrance on the watchman's approach. On investigation it was found that a pile of dried leaves and other combustible material had been piled together and covered with lath. The watchman's timely arrival undoubtedly averted another incendiary fire. The would-be firebug made his escape.

Pueblo, Colo., Flooded.

PUEBLO, Colo., July 28.—Thursday morning the Arkansas river came rushing out with tremendous flood. The lower portion of the city is threatened with inundation. The city hall has now six feet of water on all sides of it and all the basements in that block are filling. Hundreds of people living in flats have fled to higher grounds. The water works were compelled to shut down by flood. The loss will approximate \$100,000.

May Result in Murder.

COLUMBUS, O., July 28.—At St. Francis' hospital is a case of probable third murder in Columbus since Sunday. Monday night Ray Mahonna and Frank Brunner, young men, quarreled, and Brunner struck Mahonna on the head with a stone. Hemorrhage set in and Mahonna is in a critical condition from loss of blood. The other two murders were Theodore Meisse, shot by Dr. Hirschberg, Matt Parker, colored was mysteriously murdered.

The Scaffolding Gave Way.

PORTLAND, Ind., July 28.—A scaffolding upon which three men were standing, engaged in painting the Lake Erie and Western depot at Redkey, gave way and all the men were thrown to the ground. Jos. Ross of this city had both ankles sprained and the bones in his feet broken; Harry Woolery of Lima, O., had his arm broken, and the third man escaped uninjured.

The Latest Fishing Story.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., July 28.—James Hanes, who is fishing near Powhatan, Belmont county, went in bathing. One of his fellowfishermen saw him struggling in the water and went to him in a skiff. Hanes was almost drowned, and when he was pulled out of the water a seven-foot eel was wrapped around his left leg.

Grocer Assigns.

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., July 28.—J. D. Wallingford has been appointed receiver of the Diamond grocery store, A. B. Crawford, proprietor. The store was at one time the leading grocery of the city.

COLLECTOR HENDRICKS' SIDE.

Secretary Carlisle Gets a Remonstrance in the Chinese Visiting Case.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The Tribune Thursday said:

When John G. Carlisle, the secretary of the treasury, opens his mail at Washington today, he will find a dignified yet firm protest from Francis Hendricks, the collector of the port of New York, against the order issued by George S. Hamlin, the assistant secretary of the treasury, withdrawing from him the right to pass upon the certificates of the Chinese merchants and students who leave or enter this port.

Accompanying the letter is the report which Deputy Collector J. J. Couch has made to the collector in regard to the admission of Lee Yih, the Chinese, on account of whose admission J. Thomas Scharf, a recent appointee in the special agent's department, has made charges.

Mr. Couch's report shows that the charges are incorrect. Just before Collector Hendricks sent off his letter, Chaou Chang Tseng, the Chinese consul at this port, accompanied by his private secretary, called upon him. The Chinese consul was considerably agitated over the report that the collector had been deprived of the right to pass upon the certificates of Chinese.

"I can not speak for my predecessor," he said, "but since I have been here I have taken the utmost pains to inform myself regarding every man who has applied to me for a passport, and I have taken great care to learn that everything was all right concerning him. This order comes as a great hardship at this time. Just now a considerable number of Chinese merchants wish to start for China to buy goods and this order will interfere with them greatly." The Chinese consul's complaint will be forwarded to Washington.

THREAD FEELS IT.

The Clark Thread Factory Will Run but Part of the Time.

NEWARK, N. J., July 28.—The employees of the immense works of the Clark O. N. T. Thread company, located at the north end of this city and in Kearney, were surprised Wednesday on reading the following notice posted on the gates:

The employees of this company are hereby notified that until further notice the company's employees of the mill will work from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily, Saturday excluded.

CLARK O. N. T. THREAD COMPANY.

The employees have been working 10 hours a day and half a day on Saturday, making 55 hours a week. About one-half of the operatives work on time and the other half on piece work. The short time will reduce the pay of the piece workers about one-third. Several of the foremen of the company stated on account of the stringency in the money market and the sharp competition their agents encountered in different parts of the country, they were unable to place their usually heavy orders for the fall trade. The company have on their pay list over 1,600 hands and the action in reducing the hours of labor will be severely felt, especially in Harrison and Kearney. It is rumored that the Marshall Linen Thread and Mile End Thread companies will go on three-fourths time next Wednesday.

Will Send Them East.

DENVER, July 28.—The committee appointed to devise means of taking care of the unemployed met in executive session Wednesday, and it is said that the idea of sending the destitute to their friends in the east was revived and decided upon as the best course. It is understood that a \$5 rate has been made over all the railroads from here to Chicago or intermediate points.

Pension Money.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The secretary of the interior has made a requisition upon the secretary of the treasury for \$13,500,000 on account of pensions. Of this sum the following amounts will be sent to western agencies for the quarterly payments, which begin Aug. 4: Topeka, \$3,900,000; Knoxville, \$1,900,000; Louisville, \$1,200,000; Indianapolis, \$2,700,000.

Could Not Raise the Money.

HARRISBURG, July 28.—The American Tube Iron company, located at Middletown, has gone into the hands of a receiver. The company has no judgments or bonded indebtedness against it, but could not raise funds owing to the stringency of the money market. It is one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country.

Body Recovered.

CHICAGO, July 28.—The dead body of Miss Ethel Chase, a world's fair visitor from Everett, Mass., who was drowned in the lake by the upsetting of a yacht about two weeks ago, was recovered in the lake at the foot of Schiller street by the police yesterday. The remains were removed to the morgue until her friends can be notified.

A Dutch Sculler With Us.

NEW YORK, July 28.—J. K. Ooms of Holland, 26, a sculler of some repute, arrived on the steamer Winchester from Rotterdam. Ooms was winner of the diamond sculls at the Henley regatta last year. He intends going to Chicago, where he will enter in all the big races during September.

The Kaiser Goes Visiting.

BERLIN, July 28.—Emperor William sailed Thursday morning for Kiel for Cowes, Isle of Wight. He is not expected to arrive at Cowes until Saturday. The Prince of Wales, on the royal yacht Osborne, will meet the emperor in the Solent.

The Hon. Robert H. Foss Dying.

DOVER, N. H., July 28.—The Hon. Robert H. Foss of Chicago who is visiting here has had a paralytic stroke and is at the point of death.

HORRIBLE SUICIDE.

A Massachusetts Man's Mode of Taking His Life.

A PATHETIC CASE AT CHICAGO.

W. H. Irving Fills His Mouth With Powder and Explodes It—Out of Work and Tired of Life For Two Years, He Had Lived Thus Long Only For His Baby's Sake—It May Have Been a Murder.

CHICAGO, July 28.—Tired of life, W. H. Irving of Charles street, Winthrop Beach, Mass., committed suicide some time during the night or early in the morning on the lake shore. The method used was horrible and most revolting.

A partly filled can of powder by his side and the torn and mangled face indicated that the suicide had filled his mouth with powder, and then probably with a lighted match had caused it to explode.

A hasty search of the body told the remainder. In the pocket of the coat was found a notebook in which was found this information:

My name is W. H. Irving of Charles street, Winthrop Beach, Mass. In case of accident or serious illness, notify Mrs. W. I. Irving at the above address.

Note to City Authorities—Do not send my body home, as my wife has no money to bury it. Don't bury me in a pauper's grave. I have been tired of life for the last two years, but have lived for my baby's sake. I can not live longer. I have no work and am out of money. This world is but a stage, and the curtain has rung down upon one of its main scenes.

W. H. Irving.

The man was about 40 years old and was well dressed.

Many who visited the morgue and viewed the remains of the man thought to be Irving and read the letter in which he said he had been out of work and his wife had no funds, expressed to the police a belief that possibly it was not suicide, but a mysterious murder. In the first place the body when found was as hard and cold as a corpse would be only after many hours of dissolution.

The clottings of blood were not of the nature of arterial blood, but resembled more the blood that might have oozed from veins or the pulmonary artery. The clothes are such as a man with good taste and plenty of money would wear. The linen, too, bore out the impression that the man had not been in destitute circumstances. An expensive straw hat, found near the body and marked with some unintelligible initials, makes it seem more mysterious.

"I think," said a detective, "that instead of an extraordinary suicide we are confronted by a very mysterious case of murder. That can of gunpowder is similar to thousands of others that the Dupont company makes, but we have not been able to learn at the places at which gunpowder can be obtained, who purchased it or any record of the sale. No one heard a report and certainly the explosion of such an amount of confined powder would have created considerable of a report. No one saw the man go to the spot. Furthermore there were many footprints in the vicinity of the body, evidently made by more than one person, and they could not have been very old."

WANT TO WEAR PANTS.

The Governor of New York Confronted With a Peculiar Request.

ALBANY, July 28.—Governor Flower has received the following letter from two women of Italy, Yates county, whose names are withheld from publication:

ITALY, N. Y. July 26.

MR. FLOWER: DEAR SIR—This communication may be a little odd, owing to a scarcity of farm help we are compelled to do a man's work on the farm, and petticoats being very inconvenient, we want your consent to our donning the dress of the sterner sex. We will use it for no illegal purpose and will be very glad of your countenance in our plans. We await your pleasure with anxiety.

Baron Von Weiderhold Dead.

CLEVELAND, July 28.—Baron Eberhardt von Weiderhold, a reporter on the German newspaper, Waetcher Amerie, died from an overdose of morphine. Baron Eberhardt von Weiderhold was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to this country 12 years ago. His father was a baron, and was at one time minister of war of the kingdom of Wurtemberg. At the death of the baron, Weiderhold's older brother inherited the fortune and title, which induced the younger man to emigrate to America.

Arrested For Attempted Murder.

FRANKLIN, Ind., July 28.—Albert Curby, who participated in a shooting affray, in which Horace Nichols was thrice wounded, has been arrested. He claims that the first shot was fired by Nichols, and he exonerates his brother, Horace Curby, who is under arrest, of any complicity in the affair.

Fatal Fall.

WARREN, O., July 28.—J. H. Wheeler, a well known contractor at Niles, while engaged on the roof of the new school building at that place, slipped and fell through the interior of the building, fracturing his skull and sustaining internal injuries, which will prove fatal.

Tired of Living With Minnie Palmer.

LONDON, July 28.—John Rogers, husband of Minnie Palmer, the well-known American actress, has instituted proceedings for a divorce from Miss Palmer.