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WHOLE NO 1301

TRADERS NATIONAL BANK AND THE PEOPLES WILL CONSOLIDATE

Under the Name of the Union National Bank With a Capital of \$300,000. and Total Resources of \$1,800,000. Thus Forming Largest Banking Institution in Clarksburg and one of Largest in West Virginia.

What will be the largest and strongest bank in the central part of the State is in process of formation by the merger of the Traders National Bank and the Peoples Banking & Trust Company.

The plan is to liquidate both the Traders and the Peoples and form a new bank with the combined capital of both. Application for a charter for the Union National Bank with a capital of \$300,000 has been made by the officers of the old banks who will pay in its capital and distribute same among the stockholders of the Traders and the Peoples.

The Board of Directors will be made up out of the Boards of both and will, probably, consist of twenty-one members with a smaller executive committee for weekly meetings.

The officers will be W. Brent Maxwell, president; John Koblegerd, vice president; P. M. Robinson and Hugh Jarvis, active vice presidents; S. H. White, cashier. All clerks of both banks will be retained for a time, at least.

The Union National Bank will certainly be a strong institution. It will have about \$1,200,000 deposits at the start, and its total resources will be nearly \$2,000,000.

The assets of the bank will be absolutely clean and sound. Nothing but the most desirable paper of the old banks will be placed in it. Any undesirable asset of the Peoples or the Traders will be closed out by the old bank holding it and not allowed to go into the new bank.

The customers of both banks, as well as the business public, will be large gainers by the merger. The new bank will be in a position to extend larger accommodations and the ablest officers and clerks will be retained to insure high class service.

The merger will be consummated about the first of April.

BIG LOSS BY FIRE

Blaze Starts In Harness Store and Destroys Five Business Blocks Worth \$150,000.

Oskaloost, Ia., Feb. 10—Fire starting in a harness store here today caused a loss of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Five business blocks were destroyed.

COLLISION KILLS ONE

Fatally Injures One and Badly Another, But No Passengers Were Hurt—Caboose Is Burned.

Delphi, Ind., Feb. 10—Wabash passenger and freight trains collided here today. Freight Conductor Beedle was killed. Passenger Engineer Ferguson was fatally, and brakeman Blackletter, badly injured. The freight caboose burned. None of the passengers was hurt.

RUSSIANS BOMBARDED

Oyama's Center and Left and Then Extreme Right—Situation At Front Unchanged.

Tokio, Feb. 10—The general situation at the front is unchanged. The Russians bombarded Oyama's center and left Wednesday and the extreme right Thursday.

MARRIED AT SUTTON

Was Former Resident of This County—Clarksburg Gentleman Was Best Man.

Mr. Walter Johnston and Miss Marie Holy were married at Sutton at noon Thursday, Feb. 9.

DIPLOMATS ARE ARRANGED

By the President As To Stations and Will Be Transferred Next Month.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10—The President has finally arranged the diplomatic transfers which will be put into effect next month.

CHILD DIES.

Helen Gooden, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gooden, died at 3:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon at their home on Hickman street, from pneumonia.

MAYOR McCUE HANGED

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., FOR THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE LAST SEPTEMBER.

WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD IN EIGHT MINUTES AFTER THE DROP—MADE FULL CONFESSION.

Said He Alone Was Responsible and Was Impelled By An Evil Power Beyond His Control—Sentence Was Just.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 10—Former Mayor J. Samuel McCue was hanged here today for the murder of his wife on September 4 last. He was pronounced dead within eight minutes after the drop fell.

In a statement through spiritual advisers McCue said he alone was responsible for the deed, that he was impelled by an evil power beyond his control and he recognized the sentence as just.

Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, last night denied the application for a writ of error in the case of McCue.

Justice Harlan based the denial on the ground that no federal question was presented in the application for the writ.

His formal endorsement on the application follows: "The record presented to me discloses no ground whatever for a review of judgment of the Supreme Court of Virginia by the Supreme Court of the United States. The application for a writ of error is denied."

Counsel for McCue, Martin Smithy, of Richmond, was at the Supreme Court early in the day in efforts to secure the writ, but as the court was not in session he was compelled to make application to the individual justice of the court.

He then sought Chief Justice Fuller, at the latter's home where he was informed the justice was ill and was referred to Justice Harlan.

The ground for the application of the writ as presented by McCue's counsel was that McCue did not have a fair trial as guaranteed by the constitution.

McCue showed no sign of fear. His neck was broken by the fall. Only about thirty spectators were present. The sheriff kept the hour secret to prevent a crowd.

MURDERED MRS. BARTELS

As Tenth Woman of Hoch's Victims Is What Inspector Shippy Says Hoch Said.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10—Police Inspector Shippy said today that Johann Hoch said the tenth woman he murdered was Mrs. Henry Bartels, of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he used his name at John Schmidt.

BLIZZARD PREVAILS

All Over the West and Bitterly Cold Weather Is Being Experienced There.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10—It is five degrees below zero here with a bitter wind.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 10—It is fifteen below here. It is as cold all over the northwest.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 10—It is 20 degrees below zero here today with a northwest gale.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 10—All wire communication in this section showed little improvement today. Train service is much improved.

ENTERTAINERS FAILED TO APPEAR

For the Star Course Last Night and Not the Audience and Association Were Disappointed

The number of the Young Men's Christian Association star course, advertised to be at the Traders Grand opera house Thursday night, did not materialize. Harry Morphet and William H. Stevenson had been heralded as the musical entertainers and there was a big run on seats. A large crowd assembled, notwithstanding the cold weather, and the people anxiously waited for the curtain to go up. While they were waiting General Secretary Maylott was just as anxious and he took steps to ascertain the cause for the delay. It was found that the entertainers had missed train connections and were therefore unavoidably absent. There was general regret after Secretary Maylott had made an announcement that the entertainers would not be present and the crowd left very much disappointed. But it is hoped by Mr. Maylott and the association to fill in an extra number that will be perfectly satisfactory to those who purchased tickets.

AN EXHIBITION WILL BE GIVEN

The young men's class of the Y. M. C. will hold an exhibition Saturday evening, commencing at 8:00 a. m. Regular gymnastic class works, ending with two fast basket ball games will be the features. All the men of the class are requested to be present. The friends of the young men are cordially invited.

CONDUCTOR GOODING IS KILLED AT INDUSTRIAL CROSSING

Frank L. Gooding, conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, in the local yards, was killed at the crossing at the Industrial Window glass factory at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, the caboose running over him and crushing his body.

The yard crew was employed there in switching cars and members of the crew found his mangled remains under the caboose. He must have died instantly.

JUDGE DENT SPEAKS TONIGHT

At the First Presbyterian Church To Men's League—All Men Are Invited.

The regular monthly meeting of the Men's League of the First Presbyterian church will be held Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Judge M. H. Dent, of Grafton, will address the meeting on the subject, "Why Am I a Church Worker?" Judge Dent is a fluent speaker, and interesting in whatever subject he deals with. He has been a prominent church worker for years and for that reason his address gives the greater promise of being well worth hearing. No man interested in the problems of the modern church as it deals with the modern man can afford to miss this meeting. It is expected that all men affiliated with the First Presbyterian church will be present. Others are cordially invited.

HUNDRED STRIKERS KILLED

Warsaw, Russia, Feb. 10—Over one hundred strikers were killed or wounded in a conflict with soldiers at Sosnovice yesterday.

PERHAPS FATALLY INJURED

WAS BERNARD COX, MEMBER OF BALTIMORE & OHIO LOCAL YARD CREW.

FELL OFF CAR AT A RADFORD POTTERY—WHEEL PARTLY PASSED OVER HIM

Sustained Broken Collar Bone, Bad Cuts and Bruises and Fracture of the Skull—Taken to Harrison County Hospital For Treatment.

Bernard D. Cox, Jr., employed on the Baltimore & Ohio yard crew here, was possibly fatally injured at shortly after four o'clock Thursday afternoon at The A. Radford Pottery Company plant, in the Industrial addition to the city.

The crew was engaged in switching an empty car on to the siding at that point. Cox was on top of the car. He attempted to go down the ladder at the end of the car to get off. He slipped and fell on the track and one wheel partly passed over him.

The collar bone was broken and gouged down into the shoulder. His back was badly bruised. His face was cut and he received an injury on the head, probably a fracture of the skull.

The injured man was removed to the Harrison County hospital, where he is doing as well as could be expected, but his injuries may be such that they will prove fatal in the end.

DR. W. E. STATHERS FOUND LETTER IN CURTIN'S DESK

That is About All Brought Out by His Evidence Before Committee Except That He Had Confabbed With McGraw--McKinney Tried to Get Standard Oil Company's Support.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 10—Before the Elliott letter investigating committee last evening Dr. W. E. Stathers was the star witness. His testimony bore a striking resemblance to that of Charles Brooks Smith, the original promulgator of the letter. Like Smith, he stated that he found the letter in the drawer of a dressed in the room occupied by himself and General Curtin, and had no idea how it got there.

He admitted reading it to other persons but positively declined to say who they were. Subsequently he placed the letter in his pocket, from which it disappeared in a short time, he could not say how, nor when nor where.

After illuminating the subject by this recital he went into the details of a conversation which he had with Col. John T. McGraw about two weeks ago in which McGraw said that there was some sort of an agreement between W. M. O. Dawson and certain coal and oil companies, by which these companies agreed to support Mr. Dawson for governor.

He could only repeat the substance of McGraw's conversation, which amounted to no more than a canard which appeared in several Democratic newspapers a few days before the election, and which has never been sustained by a particle of evidence.

He said he found the letter in General Curtin's room in a bureau in which he was placing some clothing, the general having asked him to share the room. Afterwards he lost the letter and was not consulted about its publication.

Stathers found it Friday evening before going to dinner and read it to General Curtin the first time. He was not sure how close he was to the room Charley Elliott had occupied and did not know but what it was the same room.

W. A. Ohley was also examined with reference to his efforts to defeat the gas bill. He made a clear and frank statement, admitting that he was counsel for the South Penn Oil Company, was opposed to the bill because he believed it to be inimical to the interests of the state as well as to the various gas companies operating in the state and had spoken to several senators in regard to it, but he stated positively that he had used no improper means, and knew of none being used to defeat the bill.

He furthermore stated that he knew of no improper conduct on the part of any senator or member of the house of delegates, or on the part of Mr. Dawson with regard to any legislation affecting the interests of the gas or oil companies.

Ohley said he was employed by the legal department of the South Penn Oil Company and tried to defeat the bill. He was asked to tell about the politics of the Standard but did not divulge anything though admitted going over to New York with O. S. McKinney to enlist the Standard's support in the campaign.

At the conclusion of General Ohley's testimony, Mr. Herndon, of the investigating committee, sent the sergeant-at-arms for Mr. Dawson, but as it was then nearly ten o'clock he could not be found in the state house.

The sitting then adjourned until 8 p. m. Friday, at which time Mr. Dawson will be examined and another opportunity will be given the Democratic members to produce their testimony if they have any.

So far there has been a complete vindication of all the persons mentioned in the letter. The only mystery remaining to be cleared up is how the letter was transmitted from one to another, so that no one could tell whence it came nor whether it went.

Elliott Northcott appeared before the committee and stated he had heard of the discussion in the senate and had come to volunteer his testimony.

Senator Fisher asked him to remain within call of the committee for a later session.

Mr. Charles W. Meakin and Miss Ruth Eldridge were married in the study of Dr. William M. Hudson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mr. Meakin is the manager of the company that will present "Eben Holden" at the Traders Grand opera house tonight, and his bride is the leading lady of the company.

THEATRICAL COUPLE WED

Manager of "Eben Holden" Company Marries the Leading Lady, Miss Ruth Eldridge.

The wedding was a quiet one, the only witness being Mr. Charles F. Holden, the county clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Meakin are stopping at the Waldo hotel. Mr. Meakin has been here before and formerly managed Paul Gilmore, when he was starring in "The Tyranny of Tears."

His bride is a beautiful, cultured young lady and gives promise of being one of the most talented artists on the American stage.

The announcement of their marriage means a most royal reception at the theater tonight and congratulations will be showered without limit on the happy couple that will be the center of attraction at the performance.

BURGLARY IS CHARGED

Constable Lee Coffman arrested Charles Harris, colored, at Mannington Thursday evening on a warrant issued by Squire Samuel W. Gordon and brought him to jail here Friday morning, arriving at two o'clock.

Harris is charged with entering the wholesale house of W. J. Maier & Company, the night of January 21, and stealing oranges, bananas, cigars, cabbage and other articles. Harris formerly worked there and it is supposed he surreptitiously got possession of a key to one of the doors and awaited the opportunity to enter and steal the articles.

Shortly after the burglary Harris disappeared but he was finally located at Fairmont, and the constable went there to arrest him. Upon his arrival in Fairmont Mr. Coffman learned that Harris was in Mannington and he proceeded to that place and arrested him.

ALLEGED VIOLATOR

Deputy United States Marshal E. D. Hupp arrived here Thursday night on No. 55 with A. J. Speck, whom he had arrested in Taylor county. Speck was immediately taken before United States Commissioner Thomas S. Spates on the charge of having violated the internal revenue laws. He waived examination and entered into bond of \$200 with E. B. Phillips as surety to appear at the May term of court in Martinsburg, to answer an indictment, if one be found, and was then discharged from custody.