

DREW A BIG CHECK.

In Transferring His Account From One Bank to Another Claus Spreckles Took Out \$1,500,000.

MONEY CARTED OVER IN WAGONS.

Speculation as to the Causes That Led to the Transfer-Fair's Check for One Million.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—On last Friday Claus Spreckles, the sugar king, transferred his account, or a portion of it, from the Nevada bank to the Bank of California. To do this Mr. Spreckles drew his check for \$1,500,000 on the Nevada bank. The bit of paper was cashed in the afternoon and the money, in gold coin, was carted over to the Bank of California. There was nothing mysterious in the matter of the transfer of the millionaire's account from one bank to another, but a morning paper has been worrying itself to death over the change, and worse than that, has been trying to worry its readers into premature graves by giving them a couple of suggestions of what might be done with \$1,500,000.

The same paper says that the check has caused wild speculation. Possibly so, but it has been all in the mind of the writer of the article. Not a word has been heard in the way of comment on the transaction in financial circles. About two years ago James G. Fair drew his check for \$1,000,000 and transferred his account from the Nevada bank to the Bank of California, and there was little or no comment made on the action of the mining magnate. Now Mr. Spreckles, the sugar king, has done the same thing, only he has gone the mining man \$500,000 better.

The difference between the transfers of the men was that Fair turned over his check and Spreckles turned over the cash. The \$1,500,000 was received by Walter Davidson, the oldest receiving teller in the Bank of California. The old gentleman had a corps of assistants to help him count the money, and it took them from 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon until 7:30 at night. The weight of the coin was 6,000 pounds. A gentleman whose name is not known to the financial world, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said:

"I do not see anything remarkable in the transfer. It is not an unusual thing for a man to change his bank without prejudice to the institution he leaves. I do not know what reason Mr. Spreckles had for transferring his account, but presume it was on account of his friend, Mr. Bishop. The latter was made vice president of the Bank of California a few meetings ago, and a man, no matter how high his standing is, always likes to control business and be able to bring that business to the house of which he is a member. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Spreckles have close business relations in the islands, where the former has the largest banking house in Honolulu. The sugar king does all his banking business through the house, and possibly the friendship of the two men was the cause of Friday's transfer."

"Is not \$1,500,000 a large amount of money for one man to have lying idle in a bank where it does not draw any interest?"

"Not for a man like Mr. Spreckles, who turns over large sums of money every few days. There are several millions lying idle in the Bank of California in just the same way. Mr. Spreckles might check out half that amount to-day or to-morrow for that matter and the fact would not create the slightest comment. He might, too, turn over another \$1,500,000 to the Bank of California to-morrow and the money might be drawn out of the Nevada bank. No one, perhaps, but himself and the officials of the latter house know how much money the sugar king has left in the Montgomery street institution."

At the clearing house considerable surprise was manifested at the wild theories which the drawing of the check had created. The passing of the check through the house had not brought the business of the day there over high-water mark, as had been stated. The check had passed through with many others unnoticed, as it was in a sealed package. It was stated, however, that the business of that day was not the largest ever done in the clearing house by about a couple of millions.

So the sensation vanished into thin air—wheat deals, United States bonds, wild speculations, theories and rumors thicker than fog—and the financial world remains as unmoved as Mr. Spreckles playing checkers at home.

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Mexico City, Dec. 7.—The latest reports from the Guatemala frontier state that a Mexican colonel, member of the staff of Gen. Lullane, has been assassinated by the Guatemalans, and from unofficial sources it is learned that a company of 170 Mexicans had a skirmish with 4,000 Guatemalan guerrillas, in which two Mexican soldiers were killed. This particular body of mounted Guatemalans is reported still hovering about the vicinity of the Mexican troops, but it is believed after making the attack they retired to the Guatemalan side of the international line. Should official information confirm these reports it is highly probable the Mexican government will at once demand reparation in a satisfactory manner for the outrage.

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A Cure for Croup.

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The Independent received from Fort Custer under date of Dec. 4, with a request that it be published, the following letter:

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Placed Forged Bonds.

London, Dec. 7.—A telegram from Belfast says \$20,000 in American school bonds have been placed in Ireland and \$195,000 in London during the last ten years. A large amount of these securities are believed to have been forged. The work of placing the alleged forged securities is said to have been done by a member of an American banking house. One of his partners is reported to have absconded.

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