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BALTIMORE FAILURES SHAKE WALL STREET

New York, Oct. 20.—The failure of the Maryland Trust company of Baltimore caused a weak stock market. Liquidation was general, but the decline in Baltimore and Ohio and Southern Railway preferred was attributed directly to selling induced by the failures. Those stocks, United States Steel preferred and Amalgamated Copper were notably weak, but losses of 1½ to over 2 points were quite general during the first hour. The industrials were conspicuous in the decline also. Selling by foreign houses owing to the renewal of uneasiness over the Far Eastern situation and the financial conditions in London aggravated the weakness. The market fell into a very dull

PUBLIC WAS SURPRISED

COLLAPSE SAID TO BE DUE TO EXTENSIVE LOANS TO RAIL- ROAD COMPANY.

Baltimore, Oct. 20.—The doors of the Maryland Trust company were closed during the morning to the great surprise of the general public, but not to financial circles. Last week the Maryland company had almost completed arrangements for a loan of \$2,000,000 in London, but on Saturday afternoon, according to the admission of company officials here, the prospective lenders abruptly withdrew from further negotiations. It was this failure to realize available funds which caused the suspension.

There are many rumors as to the causes which brought about the failure, but according to a preliminary statement by the company officials and by Receiver Allen McLane the suspension is solely due to large loans advanced to the Vera Cruz and Pacific railroad. It is said that these loans aggregate in excess of \$5,000,000.

The Union Trust company, another large concern, suspended later in the day. Miles White, Jr., was appointed receiver of the company.

First Failure Causes Second.

Miles White, Jr., the receiver, who is one of the vice presidents of the Union Trust company, states that the closing of the doors of that company was due to a run upon it by depositors in consequence of the announcement of the failure of the Maryland Trust company. It is stated that there are no business connections whatever between the two suspended companies.

The announcement of the failures caused intense excitement in financial and business circles. Bankers and financiers generally, however, combined to allay whatever of panicky feeling was made manifest and by assurances that the troubles of the companies were only temporary.

Business was practically suspended on the Baltimore Stock Exchange during the day. There was a large attendance, but brokers realizing the

steady condition during the mid-session. The publication of reassuring statements regarding the extent of the Baltimore financial troubles helped to hold the market. The announcement of a second Baltimore failure, that of the Union Trust company, reawakened acute uneasiness and the whole market fell violently again. Practically all of the active stocks lost 2 points or over. Losses reached 3 points in Southern Railway preferred, Southern Pacific, Amalgamated Copper and American Car. 3½ in Baltimore and Ohio and Missouri Pacific, 3¼ in Illinois Central, 3¾ in Union Pacific and United States Steel preferred and 3½ in General Electric and 8 in Westinghouse Electric.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

Collision of Trains on the Southern Railway.

Washington, Oct. 20.—A telegram was received at the headquarters of the Southern Railway in this city stating that a passenger train and a mixed train collided at Keyesville, Va., at 6:15 a. m. Conductor Atwell, Flagman Dillon and Fireman Daniel Pincham were killed, as was also one railway mail clerk. One colored passenger suffered a broken arm and was badly cut about the face. C. D. Farmer, engineer of the passenger train, had his ankle broken and was badly bruised. Fireman Jackson of the same train was severely cut about the head. Baggage-master Tyler of the mixed train had a shoulder dislocated and Engineer J. D. Tyler, who was a passenger on the mixed train, was severely bruised.

ARE FINALLY OVERTAKEN.

Insane Convicts Murder Their Guards and Escape.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—Eight convicts who were in the insane ward of the central prison at Halle, Prussia, overpowered two guards, smothered one of them to death and badly wounded the other, took the keys and weapons and escaped to a neighboring forest.

The fugitives were eventually overtaken by their pursuers and after they had shot one guard, they were finally captured in a nobleman's villa in which they had sought refuge.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Run Over by Cars on Mahoning Valley Street Railway.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 20.—Four men were run over and killed on the Mahoning Valley Street railway lines during the night.

Two were caught on a trestle between this city and Struthers and two others, probably tramps, were sitting on the track between Warren and Leavittsburg. The motorman did not notice the men until very close to them and was unable to stop his car.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HIT FOR \$15,000

Helena, Mont., Oct. 20.—According to well authenticated reports the Northern Pacific Railway company is not alone in its troubles with the dynamiters, though it has so far been the only sufferer. For several days there has been a number of Great Northern secret service men in Helena and vicinity and it has developed that their mission is to try to locate the person who has sent the company a letter levying blackmail.

CRASH SUDDEN UNEXPECTED

WORKMEN ON WRECKED SECTION NOT WARNED IN TIME TO MAKE THEIR ESCAPE.

Pittsburg, Oct. 20.—Eight men were killed, two are missing and four were badly hurt by the collapse of a traveler crane on the Pittsburg end of the new Wabash railroad bridge over the Monongahela river. The dead are: W. J. McCloud, George Wells, G. W. Keltlinger, William Kempton, C. L. Fleming, Fred Sallinger, Frank Dalby and J. Campbell. The missing are Edward Morris and James Simmons.

The bridge is of the cantilever pattern, being constructed by the American Bridge company for the Wabash railroad, and is building from both sides of the river toward the center by means of overhead travelers.

The men had been at work on the Pittsburg end but a short time when suddenly the traveler, which is projected beyond the finished part of the bridge, dropped and fell, landing on a section of the bridge which was being placed in position. So unexpected and sudden was the crash that few of the workmen on the wrecked section were warned in time to escape.

The falling bridge landed on top of a large load of steel anchored at the pier and several of the workmen there were carried down.

John McTigue, a cousin of the superintendent of police, who is a blacksmith's helper employed at the City machine shop, happened to be on the Monongahela wharf watching the men at work when the accident occurred. McTigue, in giving a description of the accident, said:

Eyewitness Describes Accident.

"The men were preparing to ram in one of the pins on the bridge when the accident took place. Before I knew what had happened I saw the entire top of the traveler collapse and the next minute the men were falling through the air. One of the men who fell from the top of the structure alighted on his head on the barge and rebounded several feet, falling into the water. His crushed body was taken out later.

"One man was at work some distance above the barge, having hold in one of the ropes which was used in

The letter was mailed at Casaca and it demanded the payment of \$15,000.

The railroad company was commanded to fly a signal if it acceded to the demand and was given until Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, to comply. If it did not comply then the amount of the blackmail would be raised to \$30,000 and dynamite, the letter said, would be used on the rails.

Existing. He managed to escape. When the traveler snapped the hoisting engineer realized what had taken place. He opened the whistle of his engine and blew a loud warning. This continued until the breaking sections of the bridge brought the steam pipes out of gear. His warning, however, had been heard by the foreman, who was in the middle, and by several men at work in the barges underneath the bridge. They scrambled to the planks and most of them got ashore. One of the men, in hasty flight, fell from one of the gangways and had to swim ashore.

The portion of the structure which gave way, allowing the men to fall into the river fully 200 feet below, is known as a "cantilever crane." The "traveler" does not form a part of the bridge structure itself but enables the placing of additional portions of the span.

ALDERMEN IN THE TOILS.

Indictments Returned Against Minne- apolis City Fathers.

Minneapolis, Oct. 20.—Pejter Nelson, a Democrat, and Claus Mumm, a Republican, both members of the city council, have been arrested and arraigned upon grand jury indictments charging them with agreeing to accept a bribe.

There is another indictment returned against an ex-member of the city council in connection with the same deal the above men were indicted upon.

The charge is that the men agreed to accept a bribe of \$1,200 from Janney, Semple, Hill & Co., a wholesale hardware concern, in return for which they would vote for the vacation of an alley running through the firm's property at First avenue south and Second street.

EDSON'S SHORTAGE \$59,000.

Statement by Pastor of New York City Church.

New York, Oct. 20.—Rev. John P. Peters of St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal church has announced that the defalcation of church funds by Henry T. Edson, treasurer of the parish, who killed Mrs. Fannie Pullen and committed suicide several months ago, amounted to \$59,000. Of this amount \$10,000, the pastor stated, has been returned to the church by the wife of Mr. Edson in making over to the church two life insurance policies. A part of the remainder will fall upon a bank through its liability in connection with the forgeries.

ARRESTED NEAR HELENA.

Alleged Leader of Northern Pacific Dynamiters.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 20.—Isaac Gravelle, a former convict and believed to be the leader of the gang of Northern Pacific blackmailers, is a prisoner in the Helena city jail, he having been captured in the mountains twenty miles from this city by three special officers. The officials declare they have sufficient evidence to secure Gravelle's conviction.

Gravelle has resided in this vicinity for years and bears an unsavory reputation, having been convicted of cattle stealing and sent to prison.

MINNESOTA BANK ROBBERED.

Spring Grove, Minn., Oct. 20.—The Bank of Spring Grove was broken into and robbed during the night. An entrance was effected by forcing the front door. The vault was blown open and about \$1,000, all in silver, was taken.

VISIT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Alaskan Boundary Commissioners Re- ceived by King Edward.

London, Oct. 20.—After a brief secret session the Alaskan boundary commissioners drove to Buckingham palace, where they were received by King Edward. Ambassador Choate accompanied the United States commissioners and introduced them to the king, who had previously been informed of the terms of the agreement reached by the tribunal.

The king's receipt of the commission was a very simple affair. He congratulated them on the conclusion of their labors, was especially cordial to the Canadians and to the Americans he said nice things about the United States.

The award is now being engrossed.

Baggage-men May Go Out.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 20.—The strike of the Pacific express messengers is assuming a more serious phase. The baggage-men refuse to handle express matter and it is reported that they and other trainmen may strike in sympathy. At Taylor, Tex., the American Express company discharged four men for refusing to handle Pacific Express matter.

CONGRESS CALLED IN SPECIAL SESSION

Washington, Oct. 20.—President Roosevelt today issued a proclamation calling the fifty-eighth congress in extraordinary session. The session

is to convene November 9. The proclamation sets forth the purpose of calling the extraordinary session is to be to consider the Cuban commercial treaty.

IN VIOLATION OF LAW "RESTORATION" WORK

SYSTEMATIC AND EXTENSIVE IM- PORTATION OF MINERS.

Ellsworth (Pa.) Coal Company Accused of Bringing in Hundreds of Men Under Contract.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Evidence has been collected by the bureau of immigration, department of commerce and labor, of a systematic and extensive violation of the contract labor law. Commissioner General F. P. Sargent has submitted the evidence to the department of justice and has requested the attorney general to institute proceedings against the alleged violators of the law. The case in hand involves hundreds of men, many of whom already are in this country. Others are en route to the United States and expected to arrive in a few days. Forty men who arrived in Philadelphia Sunday on the steamer Haverford are being detained as contract laborers and many others are expected on the White Star line steamer due in New York in a day or two.

The men are Welsh miners and came to this country under an alleged agreement to work for the Ellsworth Coal company of Ellsworth, Pa. They were induced to come to this country by a firm in Pontypridd, South Wales, their attention being attracted by an advertisement inserted in several Welsh newspapers.

The evidence indicates that many miners came to the United States under an agreement to work for the Ellsworth Coal company at stipulated wages. Jones Bros. were the Welsh agents of the company and to many of the immigrants they gave cards guaranteeing them work with the company at wages stated in the agent's advertisement.

The situation of some of the imported miners is serious. Many of them have requested the bureau of immigration to send them back to Wales, as they say the agreement under which they came here has not been kept.

ADVISES A TRUE BILL.

Case of Whitaker Wright Goes to the Grand Jury.

London, Oct. 20.—The recorder, in charging the grand jury at the Old Bailey, advised finding a true bill against Whitaker Wright, the company promoter, who was extradited from New York to answer charges growing out of the failure of the London and Globe Finance corporation, limited.

Commenting on the "noble directorate," including the late Marquis of Dufferin, associated with Wright, the recorder said he hoped the facts which had been disclosed would serve as "a solemn warning to persons of high standing against lending their names to commercial enterprises of which they had no practical knowledge and in which they become the prey of wicked men who, by means of their names, victimize the public."

ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA.

Alleged Defaulter in the Sum of \$100- 000 Captured.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 20.—City Marshal Rammage of Hayward has arrested William Carthew in that place on a charge of being a defaulter in the sum of \$100,000. The arrest was made on evidence submitted by H. B. Erickson of San Francisco. It is stated that Carthew was a confidential clerk in a bank in New York and while acting in that capacity stole \$100,000, which was squandered on a woman. It is claimed that he fled from New York and came to California. Erickson had done business with Carthew in New York and recognized him as the missing bank clerk.

Students and Faculty Quarantined.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 20.—One hundred students and the faculty of Broadus college are confined in quarantine on account of a supposed case of smallpox at the institution. This is a college controlled by the Baptists of West Virginia. The case is mild, but a rigid quarantine will be kept for some time.

FLYING MACHINE'S SUCCESS.

Flew for Two Hours but Landed in the Water.

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—Dr. August Greth surprised his friends, who have been ridiculing him for his invention of a flying machine, by sailing around in the air over Golden Gate for two hours. He attempted to land but miscalculated the distance and landed in the bay 200 feet from shore.

Dozen Persons Injured.

Iowa City, Ia., Oct. 20.—The Rock Island limited, eastbound, crashed into an extra freight, westbound, while running at a high rate of speed at Oxford, west of this city. A dozen persons were slightly injured.

ZIONITES BEGIN HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS OF NEW YORK.

Dowie Gives Final Instructions to His Four Thousand Disciples and Starts for Wall Street.

New York, Oct. 20.—After attending an early service in Madison Square Garden John Alexander Dowie's "restoration host," numbering nearly 4,000, began a house to house canvass of the city. Before giving them his final instructions Dr. Dowie said:

"I am going out to do a little restoration work myself and I won't be far from Wall Street. Pray for me." The majority of the audience at the early service was composed of Zionites. No robes were worn. Dr. Dowie preached a sermon on "The Sin of Idolatry," with applications to present conditions.

A "divine healing meeting" was held in the garden from 10:30 a. m. to noon, at which Mr. Dowie delivered an address on "The Opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing."

NO FINAL ACTION TAKEN.

Colombian Government Still Consider- ing Canal Question.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, has informed the state department that the Colombian government is still considering the canal question and that the committee having the matter in charge has submitted a report upon the extension of the concession to the Panama Canal company from 1904 to 1910. The dispatch is ambiguous and the department cannot say whether the committee has recommended the invalidation of the concession and a return to the company of \$1,000,000 which was paid for it, or whether it favors confirming their concession. The report is to be printed and discussed in the Colombian congress next week. The Colombian government not having intimated that it desired to renew negotiations for the construction of a canal this government will not act until it has been determined that a reasonable time has been given the government at Bogota to formulate and present a proposition.

CONTEST AT AN END.

Plant of Lake Superior Company In Receiver's Hands.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 20.—The contest over the possession of the plant of the Consolidated Lake Superior company ended during the day when James Bicknell, representing the receiver, was given possession of the keys of the office building and all the subsidiary factory buildings. This peaceful surrender is the result of an agreement reached in New York last Friday whereby all the directors and officials of the subsidiary companies resigned, their places being filled by Speyer & Co., who selected B. L. Fackenthal, the present receiver, as president of all the subsidiary companies. In return Speyer & Co. have agreed to postpone the date of the sale of the securities of the company which they hold until Dec. 15.

WILL REDUCE FIGHTING FORCE.

Five Thousand Bulgarian Reservists to Be Disbanded.

Sofia, Oct. 20.—One class of Bulgarian reservists, to the number of 5,000 men, is to be disbanded; if Turkey follows suit other classes will be disbanded.

It is reported here that a lively agitation is on foot to induce the Macedonian refugees to emigrate to the United States.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERSIA.

Two Hundred and Fifty Lives Report- ed Lost.

London, Oct. 20.—A dispatch to the Standard from its correspondent at Odessa says news has reached there from Khorassan that 250 lives have been lost in an earthquake at Turshiz, Persia. Thirteen villages were destroyed and some 5,000 persons are homeless.

Reinstatement Is Requested.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The civil service commission has requested the treasury department to reinstate Charles Miller, Adam Ritchie, Thomas Devine and Howard Cole, watchmen, and Francis P. Rodden, roller, in the United States mint at Philadelphia, whose removals for political reasons.

