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WALSH'S BANK PAYS OUT \$5,000,000 TO THEIR EXCITED DEPOSITORS TODAY

Bedford, Illinois, Bank of Which Walsh President is Affected.

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 19.—The depositors of the Chicago National and the Home Saving banks gathered early this morning taking the police unawares and great confusion resulted. The applicants are getting their money as fast as the tellers can count it out to them.

NO OFFICIAL COMPLAINT
U. S. District Attorney Morrison said that he had received no official notice of any intention to prosecute Walsh, but stated that he could not anticipate what the proper authorities would do in the matter. He also stated that it would be impossible for him to instigate any action until he has received official knowledge. Bank Comptrollers Ridgely and Bosworth stated that if any reputable citizen made the proper representation they would take cognizance. The state's attorney, Hailey, stated that he was not making any investigation on his own account and had received no complaints. Ridgely appeared at the bank this morning and stated that a complete investigation was nearly completed and that he expected to finish the investigation this afternoon. He expects to start for Washington tonight.

examination decided that the city funds were safe and the city was fully protected.

RUN ON BEDFORD BANK
Bedford Ill. Dec. 19.—The Walsh failures resulted today in a run upon the Bedford National Bank of which Walsh is president. This move on the part of the depositors was not unlooked for and money was brought from Chicago to sum the attack. All night long money was arriving.

WALSH APPEARS AMONG DEPOSITORS.
Walsh appeared at the bank at ten thirty this morning. He alighted from his carriage a block and a half distant from the bank and walked through the crowd of anxious depositors unrecognized. He appeared calm and smiled with assurance when he was asked if he feared criminal prosecution. He appears confident that the law is unviolated, though he refuses to say a word.

PAID FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TODAY
At three o'clock this afternoon, the time of closing the bank for the day, it was announced that all inside would be paid, but those on the outside must wait for tomorrow. The officials refuse to attempt to estimate the amount paid out today, but the tellers who handled the cash all day are sure that at least five million dollars was paid today through the clearing house.

CITY FUNDS SAFE
The finance committee of the city council met this afternoon to consider the condition of the two and a half million dollars of city funds which are in the Chicago National bank, and after an exhaustive

ALL HER FORTUNE
It develops that Grace Taggart, who was the defendant in the celebrated case of Captain Taggart, of the United States army, has eight thousand dollars, practically her entire fortune in the Equitable Trust, one of the concerns which has failed.

DOZENS OF GIRLS MEET DEATH

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 19.—An explosion occurred in the lithographic establishment of Chas. Shont, at four o'clock this afternoon. One hundred girls were employed in the establishment, seventy five of whom are thought to have been killed. Many were killed by jumping from the upper story windows.

A boiler exploded completely wrecking the building. Fire is adding its terrors to the scene. The building was a six story affair and is located two and a half miles from the center of the city and is surrounded by manufacturing plants. The police believe that most of the dead are under the debris. Only one employee escaped and he says he saw twenty girls on the first floor plunged into the basement. Many injured have been taken to the hospitals.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—At five o'clock this morning an explosion at the fire department occurred. Lieutenant Henry Bassett was killed and a number of firemen injured.

MORE INSURANCE TESTIMONY
(Scripps News Association)
New York, Dec. 19.—Henry P. Townsend president of the Life Association of America, testified today as the salaries paid by the insurance companies. He admitted having been forced out of New Jersey and stating the reason said, "The real reason is that the officials were responsible for the order. There are a lot of pickpockets."

The commission also took up and investigated the Washington company of which Ryan was supposed to be in control.

DRIVEN FROM BUTTE
(Scripps News Association)
Butte, Mont., Dec. 19.—Thomas C. Crowe, a well known mining operator of Idaho Springs, Colorado, was driven from Butte early this morning by six armed miners, who, after beating him, threatened him with death if he ever returned. Crowe was identified in the recent miner troubles in Colorado.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of actors if they attempt to put the play on, on the grounds of causing a disturbance. The action was taken by authorities to avoid if possible bloodshed.

GUILTY OF DOUBLE MURDER
(Scripps News Association)
Albuquerque, Dec. 19.—This afternoon Emilie McClure pleaded guilty of double murder and was sentenced to hang by Judge Abbott. Last spring while Nicolas Sanchez and Carmel Baca were coming to this city with their output of wool, McClure crept up to them and cut open their heads with an ax, threw the bodies into an abandoned well, set fire to the wagons and came to town and told that the Navajo Indians attacked and murdered the members of the caravan.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER
(Scripps News Association)
Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 19.—C. E. Lewis was arrested here today on suspicion. The officers believe he is the murderer of the young woman in Cripple Creek a few weeks ago. Lewis is known as the "Sponge Face" and it is believed that his arrest will unravel the mystery which has puzzled Colorado.

WARSHIP FOR SHANGHAI

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C. Dec. 19.—In response to appeals of Consul-General Rodgers, of Shanghai, the Baltimore has been sent to that port to protect the interests of the Americans and other foreigners there. It is believed that the marines have landed before now. The Baltimore is under the command of Capt. Nathan Sargent, who was formerly aid to Admiral Dewey.

MERCHANTS FEARFUL AT SHANGHAI
Shanghai, Dec. 19.—There is great excitement here today. Merchants are afraid to open their shops for fear they will be looted by the rioting mobs which are in evidence at every turn. The situation is somewhat relieved by the landing of five hundred more marines this morning from the British cruiser Diadem. German troops are hurrying from Kian Chau.

WANT A HAND

Toledo, Dec. 19.—Two Japanese warships were sent to Shanghai this morning.

IRISH PLAY TOO IRISH FOR THEM

Sons of the Emerald Isle Ready to Put Dreamland Burlesquers to Sleep

(Scripps News Association)
Butte, Dec. 19.—A riotous gathering of about two thousand Irishmen assembled in front of the Grand theater last night and prevented the company known as the Dreamland Burlesquers from giving a performance as a result of the objectionable posters on the bill boards caricaturing the Irish. It was no use the performance had to stop. There was no way in which their wounded feelings could be soothed. Tonight there will be a change on the boards and after a careful study of the condition, a German piece will be presented.

WRECKERS IN KANSAS

(Scripps News Association)
Topeka, Kas. Dec. 19.—Wreckers this morning derailed a Santa Fe train near Lang. Elmer Derrick, the express messenger was killed and five others are seriously injured. This is the fifth attempt to wreck this train. The wreckers had removed the spikes, angle bars, and bolts and the train plunged down a twenty foot embankment. To add to the horrors of the situation fire is destroying the wreckage and Derrick's body is being consumed in plain view of the spectators, though they are unable to rescue it.

RERORT GREAT DEALS

(Scripps News Association)
St. Paul, Dec. 19.—It is reported that the steel trust has bought all of the Northern ore holdings involving millions. Louis Hill denies the report. It is also rumored that Morgan has gained control of the Union Pacific, Tennessee coal and iron, and the Republic iron and steel. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific stocks are soaring.

LA FOLLETTE RESIGNS

(Scripps News Association)
Madison Wis. Dec. 19.—Governor La-Follette resigned his seat as Governor of the state of Wisconsin today. His resignation was handed to the extra session of the state legislature today at noon. He has been governor of the state for five years. He will take his seat in the Senate after Christmas.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Dec. 19.—Three workmen were killed and at least ten were injured in an excavation by a premature explosion of dynamite this morning. The scene was directly opposite the Waldorf Astoria dining room which was full of diners at the time. One of the victims was blown to the roof of a neighboring building. The others were terribly mangled.

THE INDICTED PACKERS MAY BE DISCHARGED

Their Testimony Before the Labor Commissioner May Release Them Under Their Law of Immunity.

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Whether guilty or not the defendants will not go to jail if the law of immunity covers their case. This was the declaration made by Federal Judge Humphreys in the beef trust case this morning during the examination of the venirement. He said that if the law granted the packers immunity because of their testimony given before

Commissioner of Labor Garfield, entitles them to a discharge by the Federal jury. It is a question for the courts to decide. He told them he wanted jurors who could follow instructions of the court in point of law, regardless of whatever opinion they might hold themselves. The court explained that the immunity law was just, because the American bill of rights guarantees that a man shall not testify to incriminate himself.

STORY NOT VERIFIED

(Scripps News Association)
Denver, Dec. 19.—The story to the effect that Vivian George, a Los Angeles heiress and Ralph Lemayer, an artist, were lost in the mountains near Arapahoe Peak, is not verified. The report came from the game warden's office. Telephone advices from Eldora and the mines near Arapahoe Peak say nothing about the missing people.

STANDARD TO BLAME

(Scripps News Association)
Akron, Dec. 19.—Seven years competition with the Standard Oil Company is an attempt to control the Ohio gas fields, is attributed largely as the cause of the Walsh failure. For three years the Walsh company has been supplying gas consumers in this vicinity at about one half the actual cause of production.

BILL INTRODUCED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Dec. 19.—Dolliver introduced his rate bill which is said to have the approval of the administration.

ANOTHER BANK ROBBED

(Scripps News Association)
Udell, Iowa Dec. 19.—Robbers dynamited the National bank of this city and escaped with \$600. A posse is out with little prospect of catching them.

CHRISTMAS WISDOM

Lies in buying early and in buying right. Buy soon and secure advantage of uncommon assortment. Early buyers get choicest picking. Buy before some one else gets just the article you would have most preferred. Our Holiday Goods are here and there's goods among them that will please you. You will get them at right prices, too. It's right prices that's going to make them go quickly.

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