

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME XIII.

LA GRANDE, OREGON,

MONDAY, JULY 7, 1913.

NUMBER 1.

Kuhn Banks Closed

PITTSBURG'S CHIEF BANKING HOUSE FAILS

THIRTY MILLIONS TIED UP IN INSOLVENT INSTITUTION TODAY.

WALL STREET INDIFFERENT

Small Banks, Owned by Kuhns, Likewise Topped When Pittsburg Bank Is Closed—Wall Street Has Been Expecting Similar Action by the Government—Forewarned is Watchword.

Pittsburg, July 7.—Deposits aggregating thirty millions of dollars were tied up today by the order of the assistant controller of currency, with the closing of the First-Second National bank, the second largest in this city, the first and second having recently consolidated. The majority of the stock was held by the J. S. and W. S. Kuhn, representatives of the Kuhn interests. It was announced that a receiver will be appointed for the American Water Works company, a twenty-four million dollar concern operating in many cities. The Kuhn interests are heavily interested in the water power, water rights, and other industrial enterprises. Several banks and trust companies in neighboring towns and cities are associated with the bank. Foreign Depositors Excited. The institution's closing was followed three weeks of examination by special government examiners. The failure caused much excitement among the foreign depositors. Reassuring statements to the effect that the depositors would be protected when the bank's affairs were straightened out, were issued.

Mckeessport Bank Fails. Mckeessport, July 7.—The First National bank of this city closed its doors today as a result of the failure of the First-Second National bank of Pittsburg today. The Mckeessport institution was owned by the Kuhn interests.

New York, July 7.—The failure of the First-Second National bank at Pittsburg didn't disturb Wall street. It is regarded as an isolated case having no bearing on the general banking situation. The Kuhns of Pittsburg are connected with the Weig banking firm and the Kuhn, Loeb & Company of New York. New York stock tickers carried the following regarding the failure: "The failure of the First-Second National bank has been expected some time and is not regarded as an important failure due to the loans on collateral that greatly depreciate the value including the Wash Water Works and other issues."

Closing Ordered by Administration. The closing of the bank at Pittsburg was ordered by the administration to protect "little fellows". It is stated that the institution had been shaky for some time. Secretary of Treasury interfered with an order to make all depositors receive equal treatment. Policy Ought to Be Fixed One. It was also intimated that the "be-

PARKINSON SUIT FILED

REFERENDUM BILL TO BE FURTHER TESTED.

Action Is Filed In Marion County Circuit Court Today.

Salem, July 7.—An injunction suit to test the constitutionality of the Day bill calling a special referendum election in November, was filed before Judge Galloway of the Marion county circuit court today by Attorneys Parkinson and Yanckwich, acting for A. C. Libby, president of the Educational Betterment league. The bill is attacked on grounds of unconstitutionality. "forehand" action such as prevailed in the Pittsburg case, be a fixed policy during the Wilson administration. Directors of the bank it asserts invited the controller of currency to take charge.

Suffragettes Would Burn London.

London, July 7.—A suffragette plot to burn London was discovered by the Scotland Yard, according to the Evening Standard. The paper declared it was proposed to have several French aviators fly across the English channel and drop phosphorus bombs on the principal buildings in London. The aviators approached, it stated notified the police.

Man Murdered; Money Taken.

Walla Walla, July 7.—Shot twice in the head, one bullet entering the right temple, the other the left eye and once through the hand, an unknown aged man, presumably a ranch hand living in the western end of the county, was found dead along the O.W.R. & N. tracks five miles west of the city, about three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The purpose of the murder was robbery, it is believed by the officers, the pockets of the man being turned inside out.

Stock Exchange Wrecked.

Liverpool, July 7.—The Cellar Stock Exchange was partially wrecked by a bomb today. Suffragette literature was found after the explosion.

ENDURANCE RUN TO BAKER AND RETURN ON JULY 27TH

Running of an endurance motorcycle race from the fair grounds grand stand to Baker and return, finishing at the fair grounds is the attraction being staged for July 27 by Secretary SeCor of the Union County Fair association. It takes the place of the motorcycle meet originally planned but abandoned on account of the risks of a half mile track. Baker motorcycle fans have responded warmly and of course La Grande motorcycle owners are not going to let Baker overshadow the locals in either numbers or speed. It will develop into an inter-city contest as Pendleton and other towns are keenly interested. The race plans are roughly sketched already.

The race will start immediately after noon on Sunday and with a handicap system, start for Baker, score there and return. Heavy and powerful machines will of course not start squally with the lighter machines. While Mr. Se Cor has another pro-

GIFT READY FOR LIBRARY

TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AVAILABLE.

As Soon as Buildings Disappear, New Library to Rise.

Twelve thousand five hundred dollars representing the contribution of the Andrew Carnegie Library commission to the La Grande library fund, is now available in such sums as will be needed to meet pay checks for construction. The commission's letter informing the local officials that the last detail of a myriad had been fittingly attended to, came to President J. W. Loughlin this morning. It spells immediate commencement of construction of the library building at Fourth and Pennsylvania. The city's tool houses must first be moved off but while that is being done, the plans and specifications will be opened to contractors and bids advertised for that all these necessary details may be finished by the time the city has cleared the space.

"October 1st," said President Loughlin today, "we should have the building ready for occupancy. The building fund will be drawn upon as the architect's certificates require and every detail has been carried out."

The realization of this sum of money is the crowning laurel to a group of hard-working La Granders, who shaped the plans originally and went through the first hard tussles to get action. Every item of detail was attended to in its proper course and the arrival of the check for the sum of money needed to construct the building will unload from a handful of La Grande people a burden that has been borne gallantly, patiently and painstakingly. The structure will be a credit to the city and the equipment likewise as near perfection as possible.

Miss N. Noel, a graduate of Pratt Institute, and a resident of Tacoma arrived a few days ago to become librarian here and she will be in charge of the library this summer and superintend the moving into the new quarters. She succeeds Miss Cowell, recently resigned.



Copyrighted by International News Service.

They're here at last. Father Knickerbocker will rub his eyes this morning when he observes one of his prettiest young suffragettes walking to campaign headquarters in trousers.

Mrs. John Boldt, who was called the mascot of General Jones' suffrage army on its 250-mile hike to the inauguration last February, has designed several pairs of trouser costumes, and will wear them hereafter.

Fear Of Suffragettes Doubles King George's Guard On His Journey

London, July 7.—Elaborate precautions had been taken by Scotland Yard to guard against suffragette outrages when King George and Queen Mary left London today on their official visit to the manufacturing districts of Lancashire. Euston Station was swarming with detectives and only a few privileged ticket-holders were allowed on the royal departure platform while detectives and plain clothes police officers patrolled the whole of the 190 miles of railroad track to Warrington, where their Majesties alighted in order to drive to Knowsley Hall, the residence of the Earl of Derby whose guest they will be during the next eight days.

True to his reputation as "the king who wants to see things", King George will cover some two hundred miles of the busiest manufacturing district of Lancashire, visiting the important towns of Widens, St. Helens, Southport, Preston, Accrington, Rochdale, Burnley, Blackburn, Wigan, Bolton and other neighboring industrial centers, and will spend three days in and around Liverpool and Manchester. Cotton, wool and hardware are the principal industries of the district, and today the factory hands gave their Majesties a rousing welcome to the north.

Knowsley Hall, the magnificent residence of the Earl of Derby is very central for the purpose of the visit but in addition to being one of the largest landowners in Lancashire, the earl and his countess are personal friends of the King and Queen, and it was for this reason that their Majesties made Knowsley their headquarters.

As a relief from the strenuous round of visits before them, the earl has arranged numerous entertainments for their Majesties, one of the most interesting being a special performance of star music hall artists. This will be given tonight in the great hall of Knowsley, and at great expense the earl has had the floor of the hall excavated to accommodate the orchestra so that the royal party will have an uninterrupted view of the stage. The favored "stars" are David Devant the well known illusionist, George Graves and company in a sketch, "Kof-

fo of Bond-street," Neil Kenyon, (Harry Lauder's most dangerous rival) George Formby, the Lancashire comedian, Tom Edwards, ventriloquist and a musical and dancing party. The earl is entertaining a select house party, the names of the guests having been submitted to, and sanctioned by the King and Queen.

LAUTERBACH DENIES CHARGES MADE BY LEDYARD TESTIMONY

Criminal Action Indicated. Washington, July 7.—That criminal prosecution of those concerned in the impersonation of congressmen in connection with the lobbying of Wall street interests, may be sought by the senate investigating committee, was indicated today when Lauterbach, before he testified was asked to waive rights of immunity.

Lauterbach was extremely nervous Chairman Overman read to him the testimony of Lewis Cass Ledyard, in which, it is declared Lauterbach had claimed he represented Speaker Clark, Senator Stone, of Missouri, and other democratic leaders. Lauterbach formally waived immunity, when he read the original testimony and denied that he knew about Lamar's impersonations of prominent men in the telephone conversations with financiers and others.

Denies Impersonations. Lauterbach denied he told Ledyard that Lamar was a blackmailer, and insisted that he told Ledyard he (Lauterbach) didn't represent Clark Stone or anyone else in authority. He denied that he said the democratic leaders did not want the steel inquiry to proceed. He said that he came to Washington to investigate the steel inquiry, but did not see any high officials of the government or any democratic leaders. Lamar Had Aided Lauterbach. "David Lamar was my friend," said Lauterbach, "and I realized I had lost my entire law practice because of his friendship for me, but I knew he was honest. He had done many honorable things for me. He got Henry H. Rogers to be my personal client. I did many big things for Rogers, notably in preventing the Guggenheims from taking the American Smelting and Refining company under their control in their town way."

GREEKS SUFFER CAPTURE WITH SEVERE LOSSES

BULGARIANS SPRING UNIQUE COUP AND CAPTURE AND ROUTE GREEKS.

KING CONSTANTINE BESTED

Eighty Thousand Greeks Reported From Bulgaria to Have been Scattered by Unique Attack—Many Captured and the Balance Reported to Be Routed—King Constantine In Command.

Sofia, July 7.—The Bulgarian war office issued a bulletin today claiming a great victory over the Greek army as the consequence of a maneuver executed by General Ivanoff, which resulted in the scattering of eighty thousand troops in a Greek line of battle, extending from Nigrita to Amboirkoel. It is asserted that the most of these troops were captured by the Bulgarians and that the Greeks lost heavily in fighting before Nigrita. The Greeks were defeated under the personal command of King Constantine.

Greeks Surprised. Ivanoff's movement, the war office said, surprised the Greeks, who were easily routed. General Dimitrief declared today that the surprise and capture of such a large force was unique in history.

Ellensburg Fire Costly. Ellensburg, July 7.—Fire starting in a defective flue at Easton destroyed eleven business houses today. Loss is estimated as being from twenty-five to fifty thousand. Only one business house is left standing.

LAUTERBACH DENIES CHARGES MADE BY LEDYARD TESTIMONY

Washington, July 7.—That criminal prosecution of those concerned in the impersonation of congressmen in connection with the lobbying of Wall street interests, may be sought by the senate investigating committee, was indicated today when Lauterbach, before he testified was asked to waive rights of immunity.

Lauterbach was extremely nervous Chairman Overman read to him the testimony of Lewis Cass Ledyard, in which, it is declared Lauterbach had claimed he represented Speaker Clark, Senator Stone, of Missouri, and other democratic leaders. Lauterbach formally waived immunity, when he read the original testimony and denied that he knew about Lamar's impersonations of prominent men in the telephone conversations with financiers and others.

Packing Plans Burn. Omaha, July 7.—The sixth story plant of the Omaha Packing company is on fire, shortly afternoon it appeared there was no chance to save the building, the valuation is more than half a million. The packing plant of Nelson Morris company of South Omaha, was threatened with complete destruction by fire at noon, but the fire was extinguished after the roof fell in and the fifth, sixth and seventh stories were consumed.