

SPOKANE BANK LOANS HEAVY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—While two other farm loan banks in the United States have loaned a slightly larger total of money, the Twelfth district bank at Spokane, which serves the farm land owners of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, accommodated the largest number of borrowers from the time of its organization to October 31, 1921. These facts were contained in a report of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to congress today.

The Spokane bank served 17,478 borrowers in the four states, lending a total of \$50,919,681. New Orleans stood second and the St. Paul bank third in the number of borrowers. The number of borrowers, the amount applied for and the amounts granted in the Twelfth district by states during the period mentioned were as follows:

Idaho—Borrowers, 3563; applied for, \$19,525,287; granted, \$12,129,110.

Montana—Borrowers, 4964; applied for, \$14,338,107; granted, \$11,875,050.

Oregon—Borrowers, 3713; applied for, \$14,867,792; granted, \$12,374,453.

Washington—Borrowers, 5238; applied for, \$16,027,001; granted, \$10,510,000.

The report also shows that the Spokane bank has the largest number of loans in the four states in which the amount of the loan is over \$1000. The report also shows that the Spokane bank has the largest number of loans in the four states in which the amount of the loan is over \$1000. The report also shows that the Spokane bank has the largest number of loans in the four states in which the amount of the loan is over \$1000.

Authority to make loans direct to borrowers in communities where farmers are in need of government assistance are not properly served by national farm loan associations, is recommended by the board in its report.

Many complaints have been received, the report stated, that borrowers are not receiving consideration from associations through which, under existing laws, they are required to negotiate for loans.

The report also recommended that provision be made for voluntary liquidation of farm loan associations on petition of a majority of the shareholders and a change of management creating a corporation of which federal land banks would be shareholders and a change of management creating a corporation of which federal land banks would be shareholders, for the taking over of the buying and selling of farm loan securities.

MEN TAR CHAUFFEUR

(By Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, Tenn., Jan. 17.—A masked band Wednesday flogged and applied a coat of tar and feathers to Charles Sisson, a chauffeur. He was seized near Pinel, and two passengers in his automobile were blindfolded while the gang carried on its work.

INDIANS SEEK DAMAGES.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Eight Indians, representatives of more than 20,000 of their race in California, started for Washington to appeal to the federal authorities to right a wrong which they contend has stood against their kindred for 70 years.

Specifically, the Indians seek passage of the "court of claims bill" passed by the senate in the last congress under which they hope to obtain compensation for 7,500,000 acres of land which they said was taken from them improperly and to obtain payment of \$1,000,000 in goods declared to have been promised them but never paid for other lands.

MAN ALLEGED PANACEA.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A call on the American people to repeal all laws that repress initiative by the men in charge of the railroads, restrict enterprise and dampen their enthusiasm was made by Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, in an address.

He asked that this be done as a measure to contribute to the revival of prosperity, saying that "at every turn the railroad managers were hampered in by rules, regulations and restrictions which deprive them of power to exercise their discretion, prevent exercise of the sound business judgment which had grown out of their long experience, and interfere with their doing acts which, if done, would contribute immeasurably to the restoration of prosperity."

THIRTEEN KILLED.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The number of deaths from automobile accidents in the United States in 1921 was estimated to be 12,000 and 15,000 in 1922. The higher figure at a meeting of the officers of the public safety section of the National Safety council and the managers of various local safety councils. The estimate was based on a comparison of 1920 figures with reports received from several cities and states.

This is an increase of from 100 to 4000 over deaths from automobile accidents in 1920 when approximately 11,000 persons were killed. Based on the higher figure, safety officials said that a death from an automobile accident in 1921 occurred on an average of every 25 minutes.

MINING REVIVAL.

(By Associated Press)
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 17.—An immediate revival of the gold and silver mining industry of America, which will be especially beneficial to the west and which will expand with the progress of the new year, is predicted by Ray Baker, director of the United States mint, who inspected the Denver mint preparatory to the coinage of the new peace dollars here.

"The opening up of new mining properties and several old properties which were closed down during the war, due to high operating costs, will bring about the revival in mining this year," he declared.

MINISTRY COMPLETED.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 17.—Raymond Poincare, who succeeds Aristide Briand as premier of France, completed his ministry Sunday and presented the names to President Millerand. The president accepted the designations.

SARRAUT ACCEPTS.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—M. Sarraut, head of the French arms delegation Sunday received an invitation from M. Poincare, new premier, to continue in his post of colonial minister, and at once accepted his appointment.

BAR PRINCES IN HOLLAND

(By Associated Press)
THE HAGUE, Jan. 17.—All princes of the German side of the royal family of Netherlands are barred from right of succession to the Holland throne by an amendment to the Dutch constitution which has been agreed upon in parliament. Hitherto all members of the House of Orange having as their ancestor William the Silent possessed the right to succession. The bill, however, has not yet been adopted although its form has generally been agreed upon after a long debate.

The measure stipulates that only the progeny of the present Queen Wilhelmina shall ascend the throne.

There has been much argument over the question of what shall be done to provide for the possibility that the young Princess Juliana, now 12 years old, may not provide a male heir to the throne. Some months ago a bill was prepared by the commission of inquiry which provided, in that event, that a referendum should be held to determine whether Holland should remain its monarchical form of government or become a republic.

A bill now under discussion in parliament, however, makes no mention of a republic and mentions only a referendum for the election of a new monarch.

Another point on which agreement has been reached in parliament is that neither King nor Queen of Holland shall any longer have the right to declare war except with the approval of the States General.

Queen Wilhelmina's civil list has been increased from 600,000 florins to 1,200,000 (about \$480,000). The allowance of Queen Dowager Emma has also been doubled, and is now fixed at 300,000 florins (\$120,000). Princess Juliana is to receive 200,000 florins (\$80,000) a year when she reaches the age of 13, which will be on April 30 next. This amount is also double that allowed by the original constitution.

The Queen's request for the doubling of her allowance aroused considerable criticism, especially as it followed her speech at the opening of parliament in which she advocated the greatest public economy.

THREE KILLED.

(By Associated Press)
WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 17.—Three men were crushed to death and ten persons injured at Ashby when a freight train pushed onto a blind switch, broke down the snubbing block and crashed into and demolished a two-story office building of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The victims were pinned down by the heavy roof of the building and could not be released until wrecking cranes were brought.

The train backed into the siding to cut out a disabled car. Its failure to stop was attributed by railroad officials to a misunderstanding of signals.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT COVE

(Special to The Observer)
COVE, Jan. 17.—The Rev. C. W. Du Bois of Vancouver, general missionary for eastern Oregon, held services at Cove January 11.

The Union home talent play, "Hor-Gloves," staged in Cove January 11, was fine. The play was good and was well played and enjoyed by a good audience. Fifteen dollars and fifty cents was Vove's share of this performance, which was turned into the library fund.

A telephone meeting was called for Friday afternoon and met with a full attendance. It is earnestly desired by the farmers in the outskirts of Cove to be given a better telephone rate. The plan proposed is that a group of citizens maintain a party line and pay a small fee for service. The proposition was taken upon with favor by the telephone officials and may become a part of the system.

Mrs. L. Bloom, who has been in the Grande Ronde hospital for the past few days, is expected to be discharged today.

"Joseph Dubs" the play staged by home talent last week will be put on in this town Thursday evening, January 19, at the City Theatre.

An invitation and social evening was held at the large rooms of the Eastern Star Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Price were received into the order.

Mrs. Geo. McDaniel, who returned from Hot Lake sanatorium a few days ago, has returned to that institution to continue her treatment for rheumatism.

A few of the children who will sing in the "Tom Thumb Wedding" on January 31 will be Charlie Conklin, Lee Ellen Beashear, Warren Laird, Archer Antles, Evelyn Baker, Bernice De Bode, Veda Houz, Verma Weimar, Vernona Goodell, Zora Evans and Angelo Retel.

The Methodist carnival at the hall Thursday evening was a great success and brought in the nice little sum of sixty five dollars. There was a program consisting of songs and recitations and music by the community chorus and club quintet. The food offered for sale was excellent and went off like hot cakes.

Graver Duffy has just returned from a trip to Vale.

Roy Lay is at home from Portland, where he went to visit his brother Al Daniels, who is lying

critically ill, though his condition is somewhat more hopeful now than a few days ago.

O. E. Silverthorn, who has purchased the Mac Richey farm, is in Cove looking over his new premises.

Miss Effie Conley, who is spending the winter in La Grande, came over to visit her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Carter.

Guy Barker and P. A. Conklin made a trip to the ranger cabin on Mt. Fanny Wednesday of this week, making the trip on snow shoes. They found the snow six feet deep at the summit.

Mrs. Robert French will go to Hot Lake sanatorium on Monday for treatment.

J. E. Tripper, mayor of Cove, reports the city road work about completed. A few more days and the task they have set themselves to do will be completed. It is only a beginning of the work needed, but the treasurer is dejected.

Many people are busy at this time putting up ice. They believe in making hay while the sun shines and the ice men are covered with billing orders. The ice is ten inches thick and clear of the creek.

The school board of the city of Cove has decided to purchase a new building for the school on Friday night.

Mrs. Alfred Lynch will return on Wednesday from Portland where she went to visit her son Al Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stearns, Misses Mae and Jean Stearns and Stewart Bennett, all of La Grande, were guests at the home of Mrs. T. W. Conklin on Sunday.

One of the social events for the week will be the Guild party on Friday night, January 20, at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mrs. Grace, our city librarian, reports that on Saturday, January 14, an even hundred books were exchanged at the public library. This is the busiest day we have had since last July.

Hot lunches are served at the school three days a week. The children from all the grades surely enjoy them.

Mrs. Nellie Marten, manager of the Cove central, will move to her own residence in the near future, and the office will be occupied by her regular assistant, Mrs. Cora Bloom.

Dr. C. M. Rasmussen is so far recovered from his illness that he spent some time in the drug store on Saturday.

Miss Louise Zorn, county health

nurse, will be at the school here for the first four days of the week, coming Monday. She will weigh, measure and take a general health survey of the pupils. While here she will be the guest of Mrs. Ray Duncan. In her work she will be assisted by Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. T. W. Conklin and Mrs. H. Weimer.

The school dairy club, under the supervision of County Agent Harry Avery, is out testing local dairy herds.

The county agent is showing the poultry men how to cull the flock. On Saturday he made a demonstration at the residence of Ralph Constock.

Under the supervision of the county agent, the Farm Bureau will serve a free dinner on Wednesday at noon at the I. O. O. F. hall. This is to help in their drive for membership.

Mrs. Ralph Constock entertained a few of her neighbors at an old-fashioned quilting on Thursday last. Those privileged to attend were Mrs. Chas. Herold, Mrs. Ray Duncan, Mrs. G. W. Lincoln, Mrs. Wm. Harold, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Guy Adams, Mrs. J. O. Baker, etc.

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MINERS STARVING

(By Associated Press)
POMEROY, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Reports reaching here Wednesday are that the families of more than 200 miners are facing starvation in the Dark Hollow district at Forest Run, a mining town. The distress is attributed to the lack of work in the coal mines, which have been shut down for some time.

TICKETS IN DEMAND

GERAMMERGAU, Germany, Jan. 17.—One hundred thousand or more visitors already have applied for tickets to the Passion Play, to be staged next summer, from May to September. As soon as it was definitely known the play would be performed this year, prices here were advanced enormously and there was apparent a tendency to hoard everything possible against the day when the "rich foreigners" came. The Passion Play committee has taken this situation into hand and will issue price lists and coal mines, which have been shut down for some time.

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