# ITS MONEY LENT ON BAD SECURITY

Big Philadelphia Trust Company Fails.

## DEAD PRESIDENT WAS A FRAUD

Bank Owes \$10,000,000, Including Church Funds.

### CAUSE, REAL ESTATE DEALS

Backing Adolph in Profitless Ventures, President Hipple Deceives Other Directors, Then Dies. Presbyterian Church Suffers.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28.-The Real Estate Trust Company, organized in 1885, the depository for nearly a million dollars of the funds of the Presbyterian Church and holding \$300,000 of the money of the City of Philadelphia and \$175,000 of state deposits, today closed its doors. The failure was caused by heavy loans made by the late President Frank K. Hipple to Adolph Segal, a promoter, on insufficient securities. A desperate effort was made to save the institution by the board of directors through appeal to the Clearing-House Association, but that body declined to subscribe a guarantee fund of \$7,000,000 because of insufficient security.

The liabilites are placed at \$10,000,000, with quick assets of \$3,500,000 and doubtful collateral amounting to \$8,000,000.

## Wrecked Bank, Then Died.

Hipple was always regarded as a conservative financier, but, following his sudden death last Friday, an investigation by the directors developed the fact that his loans to Segal had been made regardless of proper security and that he had made false statements to the directors of the bank's condition. Friends of the president express the belief that Segal exer-

cised a hypnotic influence over Hipple. Although the cause of Hipple's death was given by his physician and the Coroner as cerebral hemorrhage, it is inti- order. mated that he may have committed sul-

Hippie, it, addition to being president of the Real Estate Trust Company since its United States, and of several other church lin National Bank. Recently Hipple's acdunts of the Presbyterian Church were examined by certified accountants and found to be correct, but it cannot be stated positively tonight whether all the securities belonging to the General Assem-

## Presbyterian Church Heavy Loser,

Dr. W. H. Roberts, stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, who is at Mount Pocono, said that in addition to the deposits of the General Assembly the Real Estate Trust Company also had about \$5,000 of funds placed there by him as stated clerk. The Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia and the Presbyterian Board of Relief, he said, also had sums of money in the failed institution. Dr. Roberts was asked whether he could say whether the securitics of the General Assembly, amounting to \$363,896, in Hippie's custody, were in tact. He replied:

"I have no reason to believe otherwise, but eannot say positively." Were the securities in such shape that they might have been hypothe-

cated or transferred?" do not know positively as to that,

## but I do not think that they were."

Loans to Segal, the Promoter. For the loans to Adolf Segal, Hipple accepted as collateral securities of the Majestic Hotel, a big new apartment iouse operated by Segal, the Swedish Steel Company of Lancaster, Pa., and the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company of this city. The steel company and the augar refining concern have never been placed in operation. Segai says the collateral he gave is good and that he will meet all his obligations, There are others to whom Hipple loaned money on insufficient securities, but their names have not been made public and the sums are not

believed to be large. How far Hipple benefited by the loans made or whether he was merely the tool of others is yet to be determined. All the directors are remaining affent on that point and also on the question of whether there will be

#### any criminal prosecutions. Hipple's Method of Fraud.

In order to hide the true condition of the company and save himself, Hipple resorted to the falsification of his reports, which were accepted as true by the directors. He used what the receiver termed a "double system" When the State of making reports. Bank Examiner called, Hippie presented to him good securities to offset the loans made and, when the president made his reports to the directors, he would show them a bundle of other securities and other papers and along with these he would exhibit the certificate of the Bank Examiner, which showed that the ac counts the Examiner had investigated were correct. The directors, supposing the securities shown them were the approved the reports. Among the directors are:
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the eminent

author; John H. Converse of the Baldwin Locomotive Works and one of the most prominent laymon in the Presbyterian Church in the United States; John F. Betz, the millionaire brewer William A. Patton, assistant to President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Ex-Superior Court Judge W. W. Porter; R. Dale Benson, president Fire Insurdent of the Pennsylvania Fire Insur ance Company: Joseph D. Junkin, an attorney; Edward P. Borden, Samuel F. Houston, who is also vice-president of the company; Ex-State Senator J. Bayard Henry and Frank C. Roberts.

As soon as the directors heard of the audden death of Hipple they began an investigation of his affairs, and were ocked when they learned the true con dition of the company. This was after the close of business on Friday. A meet ing of the board was hurriedly called and it was decided to instruct the officers of the bank that all deposits received after the opening of husiness Sat-urday morning should be set aside and deposited with the Franklin National Bank, in the names of the individuals presenting the money. This was done to

Death Leads to Discovery.

absolve the directors from criminal proceedings for receiving money after they knew the trust company was insolvent Monday more than \$160,000 was deposited by patrons of the bank, which was practically offset by withdrawals by per ons who had heard rumors of the company's condition. Money deposited since Saturday will, however not be returned to the depositors, but will lie in the Franklin National Bank until the courts have decided whether it should be paid

#### Vain Appeal to Other Banks.

While the depositors were supposedly placing their money with the Real Estate Trust Company, the directors were making strenuous efforts to tide the institution over the difficulty. All day yesterday they worked, but it became appar ent shortly after noon today that the crash was inevitable. Application papers for a temporary receiver were prepared, and left at the offices of the trust company, after which the directors went to the meeting of the Clearing-House Assoclation to make a last appeal for help. The newspapers were aware of the trend of events, and had men stationed at the bank building ready to flash the closing of the bank, if it occurred. There were probably 30 bank presidents at the Clearing-House to meet the directors of the trust company. The latter stated that they needed \$7,000,000, but the best the banks could do was to guarantee \$3,500,000. This was not enough, and, as all other means of raising money had Vice-President Houston telephoned to the bank to suspend business and send the receivership papers to court. In an incredibly short time the story was on the street, and created great consternation. Hundreds of persons rathered about the building, clamering for information, and the crowd grew so great that a detail of police was sent for to clear the street. There was no dis-

## Receiver's Plan to Save Assets.

The application for the receiver says the company has a paid-up capital of foundation, in 1895, was treasurer of the \$1,500,000, an apparent surplus of an equal board of trustees of the General Assem- amount of deposits of about \$10,000,000. bly of the Presbyterian Church in the The assets consist of real estate in Philadelphia, loans on collateral on demand funds, and was a director of the Frank- and on time and other securities. Hipple, the application says, "by false reports to the directors of the loans made by him. brought about the condition of company, which was first discovered by the officers of the bank subsequent to the death of the president." The court then appointed Mr. Earle receiver, and he entered security to the amount of \$1,000,-

## Hopes to Reopen Bank

After his appointment, Mr. Earle conferred with the directors and officers of the company, and subsequently made a statement regarding its affairs. He said his knowledge of its condition led him to the conclusion that the receivership should not be continued any length of time. He would suggest a plan by which the depositors could re-open the institution and preserve its large and valuable business. He asks depositors not to be discouraged.

## Thinks Church Funds Safe.

John H. Converse was greatly shocked by the fallure. He was an intimate friend of Hipple and was associated with him, not only in business, but in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Converse, who is chalrman of the trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was asked for a definite statement regarding the funds and securities of the church, but said he could not give one at this time. He did say

The beat I can say is that I believe the eccurities of the trustees are safe. The auditor employed by the company went over the trust funds and other securities of the company, which amount to more than \$26,000,000, and found them intact. The papers of the trustees of the church are among those accounts. I would like it understood that the funds of the trustees are all kept trusteed as far as considered that invested as far as possible and that very little cash is kept on band. Whatever amount

## Segal Securities Watered.

John H. Michener, president of the Clearing House Association, in an interview tonight said that the fallure of the association to subscribe the \$7,000,000 guaranteed fund requested by the Real Estate Trust Company was due to insufficient The Trust Company, he said, offered \$2,900,000 in giltedged securities, a two-thirds interest in the Trust Company's building, valued at \$2,000,000, and \$5,300,000 securities from Adolph Segal, valued by the directors of the Trust Com-pany at \$3,000,000. The Clearing House Association did not consider the legal securities worth more than \$1,000,000, and declined to subscribe more than a total of \$4,000,000 unless the remaining securi-

ties were more substantial. Samuel F. Houston, vice-president of the company, said tonight that no other banking institution in this or any other city would be in the least affected by the failure. Giltedge securities were given for whatever money was borrowed other banks.

## Church Has Million Tied Up.

The board of publication of the Presby-terian Church, which had between \$18,000 and \$20,000 on deposit with the Real Estate Trust Company, made an effort to withdraw the money, but its representa-

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# **POLITICIANS** HATEUNEANOTHER

Sample Epithets in New York Campaign.

## HEARST MUD-GUNS TURN LOOSE

Sprinkles Choice Names Over office His Opponents.

## ROBBER AMONG MILDEST

Despite Heartfelt Hatred, Murphy Will Support Editor, Who Will Accept His Support With Disguised Resignation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.-There has no been a real, old-fashioned mudslinging campaign in New York State since Cleveland first ran for President in 1884, but we are going to have it this year. Although the primaries will not be held in New York City and Buffalo until Sepember 18, while the convention is a week later, Jerome and Hearst have already 'got busy," while Charles F. Murphy hiding in a cyclone cellar, wondering if he has a friend in the world.

Here are a few political bon mots which ave already made their appearance; Mr. Jerome describes Mr. Murphy as "a political panhandler."

#### Hearst's Roast on McClellan. Now it is Mr. Hearst's turn. In the

New York Evening Journal he editorially assails his enemies in these words: "The Mayor's office is empty. The 'Mayor' is in Europe, enjoying himself, and drawing the salary of an office that

he stole from the people of this city. "He sold bimself to the trusts. He is that they and their agents stole for him. gas man, and he occupies the Who is the principal representative of

this wretched little office-thief? He is a toady and hanger-on, named O'Brien. This man was put in charge of the Fire ment that should be managed sacredly in the interests of the lives and prop erty of the people. What does this young gentleman do? He plans at once a scheme to obtain \$2,000,000 in graft from his department. And he plans this scheme at the rack track of Saratoga, where he spends his time and the money that the people pay him.

"The 'Mayor' who stole his office is spending his days and his salary in Europe. And the Fire Commissioner whom he appointed is spending his time and his malary on the race track-and that is a sample of New York City government 'Who is the man of strength and selfcontrol that towers above McClellan and does the real work of the trusts in man

aging politics in New York City? "He is a man named Timothy D. Sullivan. This man, the protector and assoclate of criminals, with one member of his family the chief collector of corpora tion blackmall, and others engaged in expleiting dives on his behalf, is a powerful trust factor in the government of New York City today. Is not that a disgrace to the city, the country, and all of the citizens who shall fail to protest and to vote against it?

#### Compliments to Jerome On the subject of Jerome, Hearst

"You have seen all Summer the Dis-

trict Attorney's office empty.

#### neurotic, feeble creature who deceived the people into voting for him tunder false promises has been away con stantly, 'resting.' "This man, elected on promises that

he never meant to keep, and elected with a campaign fund supplied by the very men whom he promised to prosecute, is in charge of the prosecuting department of the city of New York.

This man, with the shaking hands, the uncertain, inflamed mind, the almost lunatic conceit and arrogance. what part does he play in the govern-ing of the country's greatest city?

"He is the man who has made it safe for the hig criminal to rob the millions of small people.

"He is the man who has refused to indict any criminal with money in his pocket. He is the man who has protected the ice trust, who has protected the insurance thieves, who has not only laughed at the solemn promise that he made, but who has the impu dence to ask of the people now another

"Who are the men back of the preposterous pretensions of Jerome? They are, primarily, McClellan, the office thief, and Sullivan, the king grafter and the trusts that stand behind them pay them, own them, and direct them. And it is a mighty hot Summer in FAVORED FEW GET MAIL New York, too.

#### He Wants None of Murphy.

Hearst has publicly refused to have anything to do with Murphy. "I have no interest whatever in the factional disputes of Tammany Hall," he states. "These declarations for or against me are nothing more than at maries. I am absolutely and unalterably opposed to the Murphys, the Mo Carrens, and also to the McClellans and the kind of politics that they all

All the same, it is a safe proposition that the Hearst men who are enrolled as Democrats will cast their ballots at he primaries for the Murphy candi dates, in an effort to head off Jerome. One politician who is convinced that he Hearst men combining with Murphy will control the primaries, figures t out in black and white as follows:

#### But Will Combine With Tammany.

"The vote for Mayor in Manhattan and The Bronx last year was: Mc-Ciellan, 140,264; Hearst, 126,157, and Ivins, 64,250. In 1963, when party lines Mr. Jerome describes Mr. Hearst as were fairly well drawn, McClellan had 188,681 and Low 132,178 in the same 'intellectually sterile, socially vulgar and territory. Thus Ivins lost 67,898 men who voted for Low, and McClellan got at least 35,000 of these, for hundreds of good Republicans flopped over to him as the only way to beat Hearst. Had McClellan held his 188,681 of 1903. his total would have been 223,681, but ne only had 140,264. This shows that 83,681 Democrats who were for Mctheir man. He took shamefully the office 1905, and practically every one of them stincts of a wood rat, as almost every is enrolled as a Democrat today,

"It will be seen that Murphy need office of Mayor of America's greatest only contribute the small number of 28,252 votes to place the combination in a majority. "Of course, Hearst says he doesn't

want to have anything to do with in the primaries."

## Effective Campaign Picture.

Campaign literature is siready in course of preparation. The Hearst men intend to scatter broadcast 1.000.000 with the photograph of William Travers Jerome asleep in the District Attorney's office. They expect it will be one of hie most striking features of the campsign;

## CALL FOR MINING CONGRESS

#### Ninth Annual Session to Be Held Department. October 16-19 at Denver.

THE RUSSIAN CALL FOR HELP

# OWN SWEET WAY

Postmistress at Gold

Fails to Forward Registered Remittances of Currency,

Inquiry for Months-Resents Intrusion of Government Postal Inspectors.

No tale of fiction could possibly present more mystifying features than surounds the story that comes from the little hamlet of Gold Beach, countyscat of Curry county, in Southern Oregon,

It is alleged that Miss Caugheil opened and hoarded letters that reached her hands, and that she failed to forward registered mittances of currency, later livering forged registery receipts to the senders. It is said that letters bearing the heading of a Seattle firm, and addressed to many persons at Gold Beach, were allowed to accumulate in the office. She is said to have violated about every regulation intended for the administration of postoffices such as she rules over Only a favored few got their mail. Clellan in 1993 voted for Hearst in Miss Caughell seems to possess the in-Jetter that came within her reach she held on to.

sonal reference. copies of a postal card ornamented for their basis the non-receipt by dif-

## Investigation Is Ordered.

DENVER, Aug. 28 -- A call for the of age, Miss Caughell was appointed ninth annual session of the American to her present position, and almost Mining Congress, to be held in Denver from the time she assumed the duties October 16 to 19 next, was issued to- of the Federal office, there has been day by J. H. Richards, president, and more or less complaint relative to the James F. Galbreath, Jr., secretary. The manner in which she conducted its President of the United States, the affairs. On account of the prominence chief executives of foreign nations and the Governors of state and territories are invited to appoint 10 delegates each, and Mayors of cities and towns, Boards of County Commissioners, Boards of Trade, Chambers of Company of the Company of the State of Company of the Company "You have seen all Summer the Dismerce, mining bureaus and exchanges, that she had opened letters addressed to J. N. True, of that place.
"You have known that the nervous, clettes two delegates each."

"Upon being confronted with the ac-

Beach in Trouble.

# OPENS AND HOARDS LETTERS

Holds Up Complaints and Defeats

wherein Miss Lizzie Caugnell, the young and pretty postmistress, sole manipulator of the telephone exchange, and about everything else that is interesting in that neck of the woods, is involved in numerous violations of the postal laws, and is liable to arrest at any moment for her misdoings.

Miss Caughell is a sort of female Pooh-Bah in the little village, and as mistress of the telephone, she has for the past 36 hours successfully resisted every effort on the part of news-Murphy, but the reason for that is gatherers to obtain any information Department by the Mayor,' a depart- that he fears it would injure him with concerning her alleged misdeeds; and the independent voters. But just the as keeper of the postal affairs, she has likewise been in a post off inquiry through that source, as she has no hesitancy in opening any letter that intuition tells her has any per-

Numerous complaints having reached the postoffice authorities here having ferent persons of letters containing money, Postoffice Inspectors Riches and Camp were dispatched to the scene of her alleged transgressions, and their report to Assistant United States District Attorney James Cole, who is handling the case for the Government, forms one of the strangest chapters in the criminal history of the Postoffice

Two years ago, then but 20 years

#### cusation, Miss Caughell innocently in formed the Government officers that Mr. True had authorized her to open his mail. Not to be daunted by any such efforts to allay suspicion, the in-spectors brought Mr. True face to face with her, and upon his flat denial that he had vested her with any such authority, she nonchalantly replied. "Well, I must have opened them because I wanted to," which was the measure of the information that could

be obtained from her in that respect. An audacious feature of the situation was developed when it was ascertained. upon inquiry, that when True complained to the postoffice authorities about her, she is known to have opened the answer that came to him bearing upon the subject of her own criminality, and in this way kept posted as to what was going on. Some time are Mrs Martha McVey of Some time ago Mrs. Martha McVey, of Gold Beach, deposited a letter in the postoffice there addressed to Mrs. Mary A. McVey, care of J. P. Hart, 2500 Call-fornia street, San Francisco, containing

two \$20 bills.

This letter was properly registered, and in due course of time, the sender not having received the return card, became having received the return card, became anxious about the matter and made inquiry of the postmistress. The latter appears to be a past master in the art of inventing plausible excuses regarding the nondelivery of mail matter, and promptly teld Mrs. McVey that the earthquake probably had something to do with the delay. This seems to have had a temporary soothing effect upon any apprehensions that might have been entertained by Mrs. McVey, but, time continuing to by Mrs. McVey, but time continuing to run without any response to her inquiries regarding the registered letter, she again sought the young postmistress for an ex-

#### Forges Registry Receipt.

This time Miss Coughell appears to have been prepared for just such an emergency, as she smilingly handed Mrs. McVey a card that purported to have been the return of the registered letter, and which bore the signature of J. P. Hart. It has since transpired that Hart's signature was forged, and subsequent investigations indicated that this particular letter, along with numerous others that had been registered by her, was still in the restoffice with their contents still in the postoffice, with their contents

The inspectors also discovered that Miss Coughell has paid out thousands of dellars on money orders, the letters of advice for which have never been opened, and great stacks of which are still piled up in the office awaiting attention. Numerous letters from the Brown-Osborne Lumber Company, of 27-8 Pacific block, Seattle, addressed to various well-known Seattle, addressed to various well-known persons in Gold Beach, were also found to have accumulated in the postoffice. In fact, it eventually developed into a sort of dispensation of Providence for anybody at Gold Beach to hear from friends through the United States mails.

Although large sums of money are involved by the young women's strange.

volved by the young woman's strange ac-tions, it does not appear that she has profited to the extent of a dollar by the operation, and outside of certain ourse-ity-seeking episodes connected with the matter, wherein she seemed to have a matter, wherein she seemed to have a penchant for opening letters, for no other purpose than finding out what was going on in the community, her so-called crimes are of striking insignificance unless some feature should be developed that does not now appear upon the surface.

When the Postoffice Inspectors first put in an appearance, she resented their intrusion upon her domain with a spirit that betokened deep offense at their assumed rudeness, ordering them from the

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The Weather

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, \$5 deg.; minimum, 59.
TODAY'S—Fair. Northwest winds.

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no fight. Page 10.

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# WELLMAN DEFERS **VOYAGE TO POLE**

## Series of Delays in Building Airship.

## ALL WILL BE READY IN SPRING

Blunders of Somebody Waste Whole Summer.

## MANY OBSTACLES ARE MET

Expedition Now Installed on Danes Island and Will Work All Winter in Perfecting Airship. Five Will Make Trip.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28 - (Special.) - The American flag is not to be pulled to the peak of the North Pole this year by the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald polar expedition. Obstacles feared and not wholly unforceen and the haste with which Winter came to the Dane's Island party of Arctic explorers compelled the final decision of Mr. Wellman to postpone the final dash to the pole until the Summer of 1907.

The superhuman energy with which the eginnings of the expedition were laid in substantial foundations, the perseverance which conquered delay after delay and the able generalship which has made everything practically ready for the last stage of the northward journey betokens success in 1907.

Not until absolute physical inability to rig up the huge airship which is to fly northward with the explorers had demon strated that the Arctic mid-Winter was to preclude the possibility of the voyage this year did Mr. Wellman offficially give up the attempt. The Fritjhof sailed into the Dane Strait at Dane's Island July 3 and the airship and cargo were unloaded Major Hersey's detachment had construct ed the camp and all was in readiness. so Mr. Wellman believed, for the final stage of the journey.

## Where Somebody Blundered.

It was necessary to construct a ballooning the time that the mechanics were assembling the parts. Orders had been CONTENTS TODAY'S PAPER given that the house was to be constructbefore leaving Norway, taken down and all ready to be set up again immediately upon landing. Here was where the first weat delay came in. Instead of having a finished house on board, the expedition found itself with the rough timbers and instead of getting this important feature of the headquarters in shape in a fortnight, as had been anticipated, the house was not completed

until last week. Mr. Wellman was in Paris keeping a close watch on the construction of the airship while his subchiefs were looking after the balloon-house and other features of the supplies. In the midst of the work on the airship the mechanics struck and for a time it seemed that all hope of making the flight in 1906 would have to be abandoned. The strike was finally settled, but the important phase of getting the balloon-house into shape was overlooked.

## Misfit Parts of Motors.

Mr. Wellman had expected to keep in constant communication with the Record-Herald by wireless telegraph and took with him a thoroughly equipped apparatus. Three wireless messages were received from Dane's Island at the Hammerfest Station in Norway, dated July 21, 22 and 23 Lack of power at Hammerfest is given as the reason for failure of Difficulty in assembling the parts of

motors gave additional occasion for de-Necessary pieces of apparatus had been misfitted or were missing, according to reports made by Mr. Wellman, In the party, however, are men who can make almost anything in the mechanical line that is necessary, if given proper time. They went to work to surmound this trouble and succeeded, but at a cost of many precious days.

The balloon-house is now completed,

there is installed as perfect a machine hop as could be wanted or used and the headquarters and provisions for the force are ample for the Winter. All that re-mains now is for the final touches to be the expert machinists will now have six

## Five to Make Dash Next Year.

Fifty men have been in the Wellman-Record-Heraid camp this Summer, but five only will make the final dash. Be-sides Mr. Weilman there are Major Henry B. Hersey, representing the United States Government; Gaston Mervieu. States Government: Gaston Hervieu, aeronaut-in-chief; Maxwell J. Smith, wireless telegraph expert, and Paul Colardeau, expert mechanic in charge of The balloon purt of the airship is 164

feet in length and greatest diameter 52½ feet. Its surface is 21.068 square feet, capable of containing 221.25 cubic feet of gas, with a lifting power of 16.00 pounds. The car to be attached to the balloon is built entirely of steel tubing and is 321-3 feet long. It contains the engine-room and cabin for the crew. Below this structure is the beauty with the contains the contains the second cabin for the crew. jure is the basket which carries the gaso-line, which is also the ballast for the airship. There are three motors, one of 70, another of 25 and the third of five-horse power. The airship is built with the idea of making an average of 12 miles per hour in a quiet atmosphere and of 10 miles per hour with all three motors working. The steering apparatus is simply managed from the cabin of the

