

APPROVES PLAN FOR RE-OPENING

Ridgeley Expects Merchants National Bank to Resume Business.

CONFERS WITH WATSON

Controller Believes Capital Not Impaired and Bank Solvent—Plan of Reorganization Kept Secret

THI Watson Returns.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 13.—President Watson of the Merchants National Bank of Portland has had a conference with Controller Ridgeley concerning the affairs of the bank and plans for reopening. It is deemed advisable to make details of the plans public at this time, but Mr. Ridgeley states they met with his approval, and if Mr. Watson consents into effect, authorization to reopen the bank will be granted. It is believed by the Controller's office that the capital of the bank is not impaired and that it is solvent.

Mr. Watson's report of conditions coincides with the preliminary general report made by Examiner Wilson and, as a result of both the Controller's office has encouraged the officers of the bank to proceed with their plans for reopening.

While admitting that plans are under consideration for reopening the Merchants National Bank, the members of the board of directors declined yesterday to discuss the details of the plan of reorganization. It was further admitted that the mission of President J. Frank Watson to Washington at this time was to present to the Controller of the Currency the facts on which the plans of the directors for a reorganization of the institution were based. Until Mr. Watson returns or Examiner Wilson has been advised by Controller Ridgeley as to the latter's findings with regard to the solvency of the bank and its rights to resume business, the other officers of the bank will not discuss their plans.

"The only information we have of the probable recommendations of Controller Ridgeley is contained in the news dispatches from Washington," said E. L. Durham, vice-president of the bank, last night. "But we will have to wait either until President Watson returns or until the Controller reaches Examiner Wilson before we can learn of the plan that meets with the approval of the Government officials." "Rumors that the Merchants National would be reorganized have been current for several weeks. It is evident the plans of the bank officials have met the approval of the Controller and will be carried out. It was recently reported that the bank was to be reorganized by increasing the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 and offering the presidency to Theodore B. Wilcox. At the time Mr. Wilcox declared he would not accept the position, but the fact that the institution would resume business has been generally understood.

The present officers are: J. Frank Watson, president; R. L. Durham, vice-president; Ralph W. Hoyt, cashier; George W. Hoyt, assistant cashier. These officers together with Fred H. Morris, D. E. Egan and C. E. Smith constitute the board of directors.

RIORDAN GETS BLESSING

Pope Goes Over Situation in America and San Francisco With Him.

ROME, Dec. 13.—Pope Pius today received Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco, in private audience in his library, and the Catholic situation in the United States in general and the diocese of San Francisco in particular, at length. The archbishop made a satisfactory report regarding the clergy and religious institutions. The matter of appointing Rev. Edward Hanna, of Rochester, N. Y., coadjutor-archbishop of San Francisco, also was discussed. Monsignor Riordan will remain until the question of a coadjutor-archbishop of San Francisco is decided upon by the congregation of the propaganda. This, it is expected, will be done some time in January.

After the audience Archbishop Riordan presented the secretary, the Rev. D. O. Crowley, to His Holiness. Pope Pius gave him the Apostolic benediction, and also imparted it to the institution with which "Father Crowley" is connected.

PREDICTS BLOODY REVOLUTION

Professor Says China is on Eve of Upheaval.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Professor D. L. Anderson, president of Fochow University, who arrived here on the liner Sibirie, believes that upon the death of the Empress Dowager China will be the scene of a bloody revolution. That revolution, he believes, will mark China's entrance into the parliament of the world as a power to be reckoned with.

Professor Anderson, who has spent many years in China, says that the people of China are now wide awake to the necessity for education, that the power of the people is steadily growing and that at the same time the populace and its rulers are drifting farther apart.

"The younger generation in China," he says, "is acquiring a good education. A revolution is pending. In the nature of things it is bound to be a bloody one, but China will be all the better for it, and in the hands of new and enlightened administrators, who will have the confidence of the people, China will be one of the greatest nations of the earth."

Kaiser Visits Holland's Queen.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—Emperor Wilhelm of Germany arrived here today on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern for a visit to Queen Wilhelmina. He was greeted by members of the royal family of the Netherlands. Prince Henry boarded the Hohenzollern and escorted the Emperor to a pavilion on shore, where Queen Wilhelmina awaited him. The greetings were cordial, and the Emperor kissed the queen's hand, and their majesties then drove through crowded streets to the palace, where they subsequently appeared on a balcony and were given an ovation by the assembled throng.

Leopold's Gift to Museum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—King Leopold, of Belgium, is to give to the City of New York a collection of ethnological and natural history specimens from the Congo. Two very large halls will be required to display the articles.

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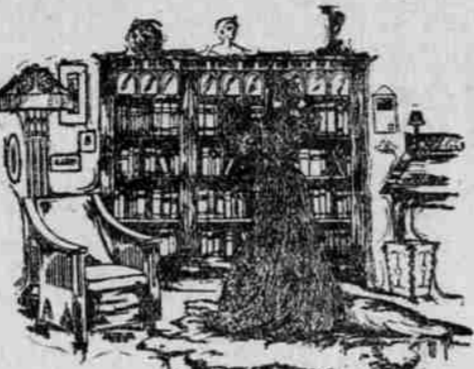


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