

BANK WRECKER IS IN MEXICAN JAIL

Walker Is Positively Identified and Will Not Resist Extradition.

RECOGNIZED BY CONSUL

Man Who Robbed New Britain Bank of \$665,000 Is Captured in Lower California—His Crimes and Their Cause.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 18.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Ensenada says:

A man who was arrested in a mining camp about 100 miles back in the mountains and is now in jail here awaiting identification is supposed to be William F. Walker, formerly cashier of the Savings and New Britain, Conn., who is wanted to answer the charge of embezzlement in that city.

The suspect Walker was arrested by a posse and the Chief of Police from here, accompanied by a detective at the mining camp called Barroso in the mountains about 100 miles from Ensenada. The prisoner is about five feet eight inches tall, of medium build, wears a mustache and Van Dyke beard.

A small vial which is supposed to contain poison was taken from him just in time; also a revolver was taken from him after he had made a desperate attempt to use it.

CRIME AND ITS RETRIBUTION

Walker Will Return Voluntarily. Himself Prey to Swindlers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Detective Agency in this city confirmed tonight the report that W. F. Walker, the absconding treasurer of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank, was captured at Ensenada, Lower California. Positive identification has been made and Walker has consented to return to Connecticut without resort to extradition proceedings.

Walker was arrested at a mining camp 150 miles from Ensenada, Lower California, which is Mexican territory, yesterday. He was taken by a representative of the detective agency at Los Angeles, assisted by a party of Mexicans. The prisoner was taken to Ensenada, where his identity was confirmed. He will be transferred to San Diego, Cal., and then brought east at once.

Walker was sought about indirectly by information furnished to the officials of the New Britain Savings Bank by the United States Consul at Ensenada. The Consul had seen the pictures of Walker sent broadcast after his disappearance and recognized the fugitive when he appeared some time ago in Ensenada. Before his capture could be effected, Walker, apparently suspecting that his identity was known, fled to the mountains in the vicinity of Ensenada. After wandering about for some time, he found shelter at the mining camp to which he was brought.

Mark A. Hoffman, Superintendent Hoffman of the Los Angeles office of the detective bureau, had been put on the trail and, enlisting the aid of several Mexicans familiar with the region, he ran down the absconder. The fact that the posse was searching for Walker became known and led to premature disclosure of his capture.

Walker, when confronted by the officers, admitted his identity, and agreed to return East without raising legal obstacles. Further than this he had little to say.

"What I have to say I will say when I am back in New Britain," was his reply to inquiries concerning his theft and subsequent flight. Walker is in fairly good health and does not appear to have suffered so much as might have been expected.

A reward of \$5000 had been offered for Walker's taken alive and \$1000 for his dead body if found.

Walker is 61 years old and had long been a member of the business, business, social and church circles of New Britain. On February 10 he disappeared, and soon afterward it was discovered that \$665,000 worth of securities had been stolen from the bank. Walker was also treasurer of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, and after his disappearance it was learned that the convention's funds had been stolen. At a meeting of the convention at Putnam, Conn., on October 15 last, it was announced that Walker's shortage had been made up by others. Walker has been one of the most prominent Baptists in the state, and at the convention a player for his ultimate salvation was offered.

Walker's disappearance was first believed to have been due to mental derangement following sickness. For some time previous he had suffered from kidney trouble and was in the habit of making frequent trips to the city for medical treatment. At least this was the understanding of his family, though it was afterward alleged that he came to New York and had business dealings with others who succeeded in stealing from him money which he had taken from the bank. It was said that he became involved with a gang of swindlers and that he was induced to use securities of the bank to raise money for the promotion of illegal schemes in which he had become interested.

On the Sunday following his disappearance he sat in his Boston home and telegrammed to his son in New Britain, saying that his father had been injured and removed to a hospital. An inquiry at police headquarters failed to discover such an accident as described in the telegram and the police became convinced that the message had been sent by Walker himself. When the police, backed by officials of the bank, came here that night and their failure to find Walker led to an investigation of the institution and the disclosure of the shortage.

Walker was born in Andover, Conn., the son of William F. Walker, pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Britain during the Civil War. He had made treasurer of the Savings Bank in 1879. He was also a director of the New Britain National Bank. His family lives in New Britain.

SIGNS BOYCOTT DECREE

Gould Warns Federation of Scope of Injunction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—After hearing arguments on various points in the case, Justice Ashley M. Gould today signed the decree temporarily restraining and enjoining the American Federation of Labor, its officers and all others from interfering with the business of the Buck Stove & Range Company, and from declaring any boycott against it.

All attempts of counsel of the Amer-

ican Federation of Labor to modify the decree failed, except in one particular, and that was to exclude from the order the Electrotypes, Molders and Finishers' Union, No. 17, against which it was shown no specific allegation had been made.

Justice Gould took occasion to dwell upon the question of jurisdiction. He said there could be no attorney made by the court to ascertain jurisdiction beyond the confines of the District of Columbia, but that an order was operative upon all the persons defendant who are within the District of Columbia. An act, he said, committed by an agent or business associate of one of the defendants outside the District of Columbia could be held as the effect of the person within the District of Columbia so ordering it, and subject such person to the punitive power of the court. He believed the decree should be very broad and that he need not be too specific. There was, he said, no likelihood of the order being misinterpreted, because it would not enjoin the International, but men who knew their rights, and knew the law, Mr. Gould, he said, was one of these.

CABINETS WANT SHORTER HOURS.

Fish and Harriman Forces Vainly Trying to Agree.

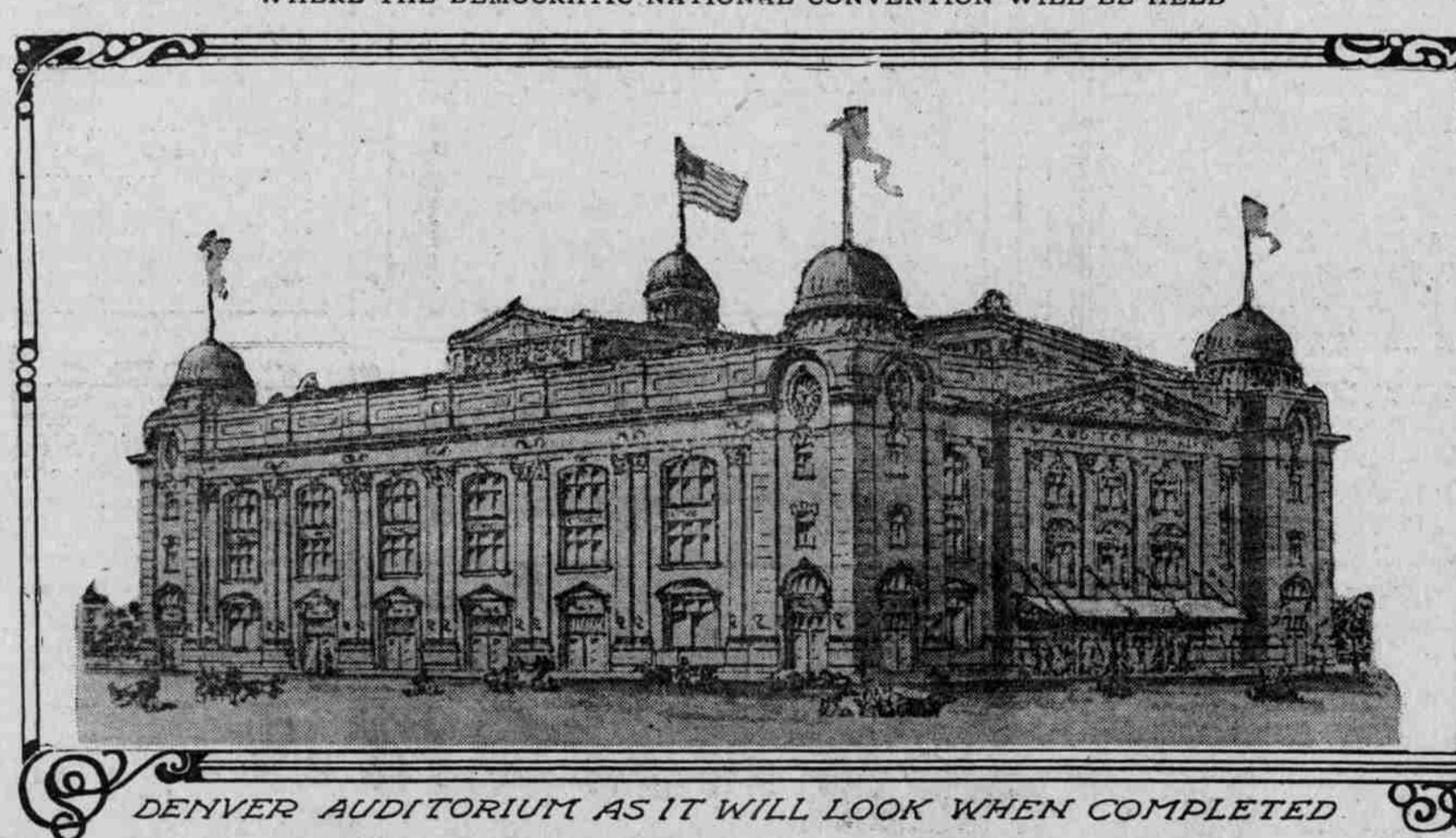
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A 24 hours' truce was declared today in the war for the control of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Both the meeting of the stockholders and the injunction suit filed against the Harriman forces by Stuyvesant Fish were postponed until tomorrow, and the attorneys representing the varied interests involved spent the greater part of the day and night in a conference, seeking to find a basis of agreement for further proceedings.

Up to a late hour tonight no intimation had been given that such an agreement had been reached.

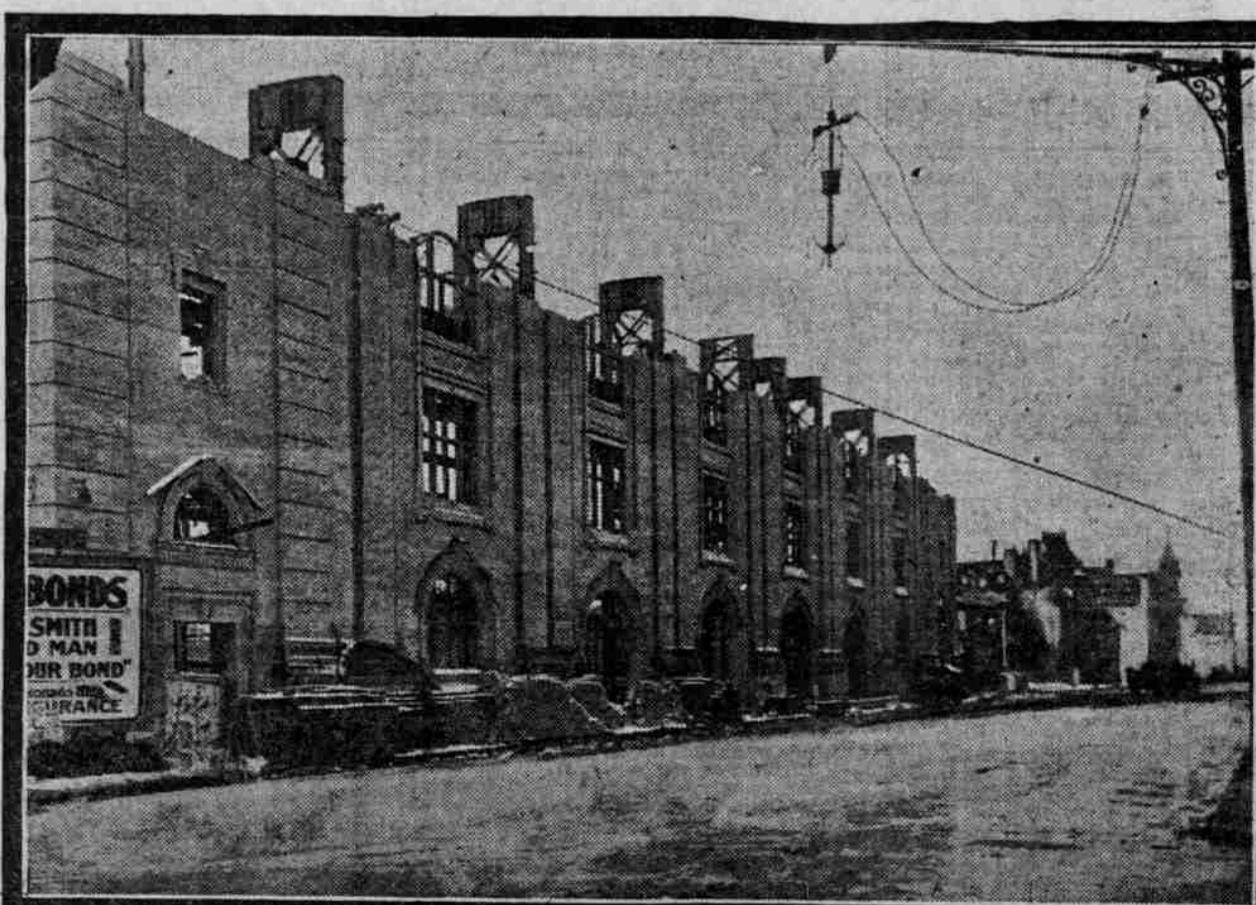
ACCUSED OF GRAND LARCENY.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special)—On a warrant charging grand larceny, sworn to by Jim Kennedy, a logger, W. Webster, a local entrepreneur, accused man, son of C. H. Webster of Spokane, a prominent and reputed wealthy commission broker of that place, was arrested today and lodged in jail. Kennedy accuses Webster of taking \$200 from him two weeks ago. Webster is communicating with his relatives whom he believes can get him out of the trouble.

WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD



DENVER AUDITORIUM AS IT WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED



DENVER AUDITORIUM AS IT APPEARS NOW

The Denver Auditorium will be ready by June 1 for the National Democratic Convention. The building, while looking as though it had just been started, in reality is more than three-quarters finished. Four months more of work should complete the building.

Ground was broken on January 1 last and the cornerstone was laid September 18, 1907. Henry Schlueter, the contractor, lost his contract October 23, and the work was taken up by the National Surety Company and the Empire State Trust Company of New York. The work of swinging the steel roof-trusses into place began Monday.

The building will be under cover by February 1. The concrete, electrical and steam heating men will then begin work.

The auditorium will be 168 feet wide and 200 feet long. The walls will be 22 feet high. It will seat 11,000 people by utilizing aisle space. The normal seating capacity will be 9000.

The building will be equipped with a large number of committee rooms, but not enough to take care of all the committees of the National convention. Important committees will be housed at the Democratic Club building, three blocks distant.

The completed auditorium will cost \$425,000. The money to build it was raised through a sale of bonds voted by the citizens of Denver.

Building Inspector Robert Willson, who is in charge of the building, said recently:

"I have made a study of auditoriums in America and I am sure that the next Democratic convention will meet in the finest hall in which any assembly of delegates ever gathered."

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GUN IS IN EVIDENCE

Means of Goebel's Death Produced in Court.

MAKES A GOOD WITNESS

Quotes Youtsey's Remark Showing Prisoner Opposed Shooting—Another Witness Refuses to Testify Against Powers Again.



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that my franchise is to be transferred to that city. Under no circumstances will I have any connection with a team in Chicago."

both occasions his machine was badly damaged.

Front Street's Bad Paving.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(To the Editor.)—desire to call attention to the shocking condition of the street between Oregon street and the Steel Bridge. The stench along the entire distance and especially along the track is almost a foot deep, and the stench is insufferable. Having paved the road with a heavy granite monument from the cars, I was compelled to wade in the mud up to my ankles. I do not know whose duty it is to clean up the street, whether it is the railroad company or the city, but the matter should be attended to at once. The municipal authorities or health officer surely have the power to invoke the law to see that the street is cleaned and placed in proper repair. The existing conditions are a disgrace. Mayor Lane should act and cause the removal of this plague spot, which is a nuisance.

OTTO SCHUERMANN.

Hawaiian Officials Confirmed.

WASHINGON, Dec. 18.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Walter F. Reed to be Governor of Hawaii and of Alfred S. Hartwell and R. M. Ballou to be Chief Justice and Associate Justice, respectively, of that territory.

Finds Nasl's Arrest Legal.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Chamber of Deputies, after an hour's discussion today, by a vote of 294 to 61, decided that the arrest of Nunzio Nasl, ex-Minister of Public Instruction, was legal.

Tomorrow (Friday) positively the last day for discount on East Side gas bills. Portland Gas Company.

Albany, N.Y.—The Albany band has been reorganized with James Coon as leader and will now be a permanent organization.



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