

BARR GETS 5 YEARS

Checked Career of Check-Passer Closes for Time.

HAS CHANCE TO REFLECT

Man Whose Operations Moved From California to South Sea Islands Finally Meets Waterloo in San Quentin Prison.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Frank M. Barr, the smooth check worker, whose operations have not only extended over California, but have been in evidence in the South Sea Islands, was given a five-year term in San Quentin prison yesterday by Judge Davis.

On December 31, 1908, Barr drew a check for \$25 on the First National Bank of San Diego, which J. Weisenberger, of this city, cashed for him. The check came back marked "No funds." Barr was arrested at Ashland, Or., September 9, 1909, and brought back for trial.

Chief of Police Wilson, of San Diego, testified that Barr had served time in the County Jail in that city, whence he had been transferred from the Alameda County Jail, having pleaded guilty to a misuse of the United States mails.

Barr went to Tahiti early in 1909, after his crime here, where he married Elina Troholt, daughter of J. Troholt, whom he soon abandoned. He went by the name of Arthur J. Stephens, which is that of a well-known photographer in San Diego.

A letter was introduced from the father of the young woman, saying that Barr married his daughter May 15, 1909, and that immediately after the ceremony the couple went to Auckland, New Zealand, but not before he had secured \$1000 on had checks purported to be signed by his father-in-law and \$100 from another relative by the same route.

When he left his young wife he took a valuable string of pearls belonging to his sister-in-law, and a watch, Barr masqueraded as an Army officer.

Barr denied any recollection of the alleged marriage. He said he was drunk when he secured the money on the \$25 check and could give no explanation.

FREE ART HELPS IMPORTS

Nearly 500 Per Cent Greater Than Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Free art under the new tariff law is resulting in large importations, Deputy Consul-General Yost, at Paris, has been giving attention to the matter and his records show that the importations during the last two months are nearly 500 per cent greater than the corresponding period of last year.

Taking the first two months under the present law, the authenticated invoices of works of art and antiques of his office show an increase in importation of exactly 481 per cent over the same months of 1908.

In 1908 there were 149 invoices, valued at \$258,997, and in 1909 there were 297 invoices, valued at \$2,095,120. "This placing of works of art upon the free list has given a wonderful impetus in exportation of paintings into the United States," says Mr. Yost, and will result in securing for American art museums and galleries some of the best works of the great masters of Europe.

MAN AIDS DOG IN FIGHT

Deals Wolf Blow With Club and Canine, Cripple, Is Saved.

MOROCCO, Ind., Jan. 1.—In the Xabkakee marsh country lives L. E. Worth, whose coon dog Mark, a night trip into the woods back of the house, and a few minutes later sounds of a fierce struggle were heard.

When Worth arrived on the scene, armed with a club, he found Mark mixed up with a large wolf and seemingly the under dog in the fight. The wolf would probably have killed him had not Worth used his club and finally landed a blow that partially stunned the wolf.

Mark had sufficient strength left to finish the wolf, but the dog was so badly used up it had to be helped home. Its ears are in shreds and it may lose one eye, if not its life.

"OSTRICH" BOOTH APPEARS

Man Sticks His Head in Hole to Use One.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Hanging on the wall behind the desk at the Holland House is a mechanical variety, but a foot long by one foot wide and deep, with an oval-shaped hole in it lined with rubber. If you wait long enough you will see a clerk fit his face to the hole.

This is one of the new telephone booths—one of the few that are to be seen about New York—and which it is said the telephone company is fighting. Talking into one gives you an ostrichlike feeling compared with the booth of the upstart variety, but at the Holland House they say that the result is just as satisfactory as the other kind, and the "ostrich" booth takes up no room.

BULLET GOES ON RAMPAGE

Passes Through Pigeon Aimed at and Lodges in Woman's Body.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 10.—A bullet from a rifle handled by John Handel, the police say did some little harm here. Mr. Handel aimed the shot at a pigeon, and the bullet passed through the pigeon's body and lodged in the side of Mrs. George McElhose, who was on her back stoop in range of the gun.

Surgeons have not yet located the bullet in Mrs. McElhose's body, but they say the wound is not serious.

Our First American Book

Minneapolis Journal. The first American book printed in the colonies was the "Bay Psalm Book." It was printed at Cambridge, Mass., in 1640. It is a thin volume, about the size of an ordinary 12-mo. of the present day. So rare is it that the compiler of a catalogue of such books has remarked in a note that "any comments on its importance would be sheer impertinence." Another copy of the same work printed several years later, supposed to be a second edition and the only known copy of that date, sold not long ago for \$455.

WOMAN CALLED "QUEEN OF FAKERS," WHO WILL BE GIVEN HEARING TODAY IN VANCOUVER JUSTICE COURT.



MRS. MAUD JOHNSON, REQUISITIONED FROM OREGON LAST WEEK.

SCANDAL IS HINTED

Mrs. Maud Johnson Gets Hearing at Vancouver Today.

TESTIMONY TO HURT SOME

Alleged 'Queen of Fakers' Will Face Justice Court in Washington City This Morning—Prisoner Returns With Sheriff.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. Maud Johnson, whose testimony, when she appears to answer the charge of obtaining money from the Northern Pacific by false representation, may start a scandal in the claim department of the railroad, will face the local Justice Court tomorrow in this city.

She was brought here Saturday night from Pendleton, Or., by Sheriff Sappington, who went to the Umatilla city with requisition papers for the woman.

Mrs. Johnson is said to be one of the cleverest "accident fakers" in the Northwest. She recently obtained two verdicts in this state for alleged injuries sustained to her ankle, collecting damages from the Seattle Electric Company and the Northern Pacific Railroad. It is charged in the latter case that she worked in conjunction with officials of the road, and divided the funds she received with them.

Though the prisoner denies this, it is hoped to obtain a confession from her tomorrow, in which she will implicate her accomplices. She denies that she has anything to confess, and maintains that she suffered bona fide injuries.

When she appears in court she will have with her a baby, which, it is said, she adopted from a foundling hospital, where it had been raised in an incubator. Though over a year old, the child is still fed from a bottle, a circumstance that is said to show the child is an incubator product. Much interest is felt in the case locally, and a large attendance at the woman's arraignment is expected.

STATE LOSES EXAMINER

WILBUR, WASH., MAN BECOMES BANK CASHIER.

William Thomson, Recently of Spokane, Accepts Position With Lewiston Institution.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—William Thomson, of Wilbur, Wash., Deputy State Bank Examiner of Washington, is to be cashier of the Lewiston National Bank which was recently purchased by the Union Securities Company of Spokane.

The announcement was made late tonight, and Mr. Thomson, who is now in Lewiston, has wired his resignation to Governor M. E. Hay, who has accepted it, and congratulated Mr. Thomson upon his appointment.

Mr. Thomson, for 16 years, was assistant cashier of the State Bank of Wilbur, and previous to his accepting the appointment of Deputy Bank Examiner for Washington was a director in the Spokane & Eastern Trust Company.

The stock of the Lewiston National Bank owned by the Idaho Trust Company, has been transferred to the Union Securities Company, the transfer being made late Saturday night at a consideration amounting to something over \$200,000.

NO. MORE 5-CENT MEALS

Hardships in Store for City's Down-and-Out Class.

Washington (D. C.) Herald. An increase of a penny in the cost of a meal does not seem serious, but when the price is advanced 20 per cent, that is another matter. The "soup houses" of the East Side and the Bowery in New York, have raised the price from 5 cents to 7, which means a decided increase in the cost of living of the patronage. It is a matter of grave importance to those who patronize the Hand-in-Hand restaurants and others run on the same plan.

The cost of living has increased, and the very poor are the ones who experience it first. Fortunately, there is prosperity in the land, which means that any able-bodied man can get work with wages large enough to support an average family. There is a "down-and-out" class, however, which is subnormal. Prosperity or adversity is the same. The class of unfortunate sufferers when the price is increased.

Restaurant prices have been climbing for several years. The cost of food-stuffs is getting higher and higher. The farmer is prosperous, and this sets a standard for the nation. But unless there is an advance of wages all along the line at a relative rate of increase with the price of food, there will be hardship.

New York and Chicago are concerned with the feeding of thousands who have lost all ambition and all hope. London has a larger percentage of this class than any other city. The larger the city the more it attracts this element, which is a study in psychology. It is not crime nor vice; it is helplessness. The single penny that has been added to the cost of a meal means much. It may turn many from laziness and a shiftless existence to crime. It may prove an incentive for the worse.

NO MONEY; OLD MAN WALKS

Trip of 18 Miles in Cold Is Made by Nonagenarian for Naught.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 10.—Fearing the dire consequences of failure to respond to a summons of the grand jury as a witness in a criminal case, Gottlieb Most, 90 years old, trudged 18 miles from his home in Medford, to this city, only to discover that he was not needed, the case having been settled.

The poor old man was trembling and blue with the cold, as he appeared at the Courthouse, and Mr. Scovel, prosecutor of the plea, started a fund to carry him back home by rail with a little on the side for Christmas.

TAME WOODPECKERS NEXT

Naturalist Educates Birds to Make Birdseye Wood Out of Maple.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 10.—After spending more than 40 years and more than \$16,000 in hunting bears and studying the ways of wild creatures, Greenleaf Davis, of Mount Katahdin, has begun to raise tame woodpeckers with the purpose of using them to convert ordinary rock maples into the rare and costly wood known as birdseye maple. Mr. Davis is more than 80 years of age. It has been Mr. Davis' belief that no creature should be kept in captivity more

than a month. He has two crows, one more than 30 years old, which have stayed by him and never sought the society of their kind. Two robins lived with him for three years. His great success, however, has been won with woodpeckers, of which he now has nearly 100. Most of them are the red-headed sapsuckers, which pick round holes in the bark of trees.

He passed weeks in his grove watching the result of the wounds which the birds inflicted in bark. As the scars healed he noticed that there was a bright red spot left on the wood directly below the wound. It occurred to him that as the markings of birdseye maple were due to red spots in the wood, and as nobody had ever been able to account for them, it was possible that this variety might owe its origin to the work of woodpeckers.

By mixing ants with a paste formed from elm bark boiled down to a thick batter he can smear the trunks of thirty maples with such food as the woodpeckers require, and while they are getting a meal from the bark their bills are boring new holes in the trees and transforming ordinary maple, worth no more than \$12 a thousand feet, into birdseye maple that sells anywhere from \$50 to \$60 a thousand.

BEAR ATTACKS HUNTER

MAN AND BEAST ENGAGE IN FIERCE FIGHT.

Bruin Commences Set-to While Man Is Skinning Deer and Is Killed Only After Struggle.

THE FORKS, Maine.—The fourth man to be tackled by a bear in the woods near here recently was Wallace Durgin, who had his adventure the other day near his father's house. He had his rifle close at hand and made short work of dispatching the brute, but this was not the luck of Earnest Gubtil of New Vineyard, Gubtil had been hunting for moose for two weeks. He dropped a fine buck, and then placed his rifle against a tree and began the work of dressing the carcass.

The hunter, knife in hand, was at work when suddenly he received a blow on the left side which sent him to the ground half stunned. Gubtil then found himself grappling with a black bear, which, when cold that evening, weighed 450 pounds.

By means of rolling and tumbling, knocking at the bear and warding off attempts to grapple, Gubtil finally, with blood streaming from two dozen bad scratches, reached his rifle. By exerting all his remaining strength Gubtil dropped the muzzle against the bear's breast as the brute rose and pulled the trigger.

The expansion bullet killed the bear almost instantly. At the moment of the discharge the bear was making a blow for Gubtil's face, but the claws dragged against his shoulder.

Gubtil was found, weak from loss of blood and unable to proceed to camp, by Horace Adams, a trapper, who brought him in. Horace Adams has killed fourteen bears this Fall and other years have killed eleven. The local hunters never know bears to be so ferocious before. The reason for it is ascribed to the lack of wild berries.

Goethe Predicted Panama Canal.

J. F. Rhodes in "Historical Essays." No statesman or man of business could have had a wider outlook than Goethe, when, February 21, 1827, he thus spoke: "I should wish to see England in possession of a canal through the Isthmus of Suez. . . . And it may be foreseen that the United States, with its decided predilection to the West, will, in 30 or 40 years, have occupied and peopled the large tract of land beyond the Rocky Mountains. It may furthermore be foreseen that along the whole coast of the Pacific Ocean, where nature has already formed the most capacious and secure harbors, important commercial towns will gradually arise, for the furtherance of a great intercourse between China and the East Indies and the United States. In such a case, it would not only be desirable, but almost necessary, that a more rapid communication should be maintained between the eastern and western shores of North America, both by merchant ships and men-of-war, than has hitherto been possible with the tedious, disagreeable and expensive voyage around Cape Horn. It is absolutely indispensable for the United States to effect a passage from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean, and I am certain that they will do it. Would that I might live to see it!"

Southern Malarial Germ.

Topeka Journal. While now all the South is not so much the war and its consequences as it is the negro, but it is the slow, sure, steady destruction of the white man's red blood corpuscle, gradually eaten up by the malarial germ.

HUMAN CHAIN SAVES BOY

Five Women and Five Men Rescue Friend From Icy Water.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Ray West, of Richfield, N. J., broke through thin ice while crossing the Morris Canal. He was rescued by a human chain formed by five young women and five young men, who were passing over Change bridge when the accident occurred.

Robert Johnson was at the head of the chain, which was too short to reach the struggling youth, so he removed a fur top hat from his head and threw the end to West, who caught it, and was dragged to the bank of the canal. He was carried to a nearby farmhouse, where he was revived sufficiently to be taken home.

BAD MARATHONER CAUGHT

Policeman, Long-Distance Runner, Has Long Chase.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Complaints received by Captain Steve O'Brien of the Clymer-street police station, Williamsburg, from men who declared they had been lured into a dwelling at 82 Gerry street, caused Plain Clothes Policemen Sheridan and Collins to be put on the case. Sheridan is a Marathon runner, and Collins watched the building and then decided to make a

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raid and got Florence Taylor, the reputed proprietress, who is a negro. As the policeman got into the building there was a scramble on the part of men and women to get out. Several jumped from second-story windows. When the policeman seized the woman George Ellison, a negro, who is also a Marathon runner, interfered. There was a fight, ending in Ellison being arrested by Sheridan.

Ellison broke away from Sheridan and leaped out of a front second-floor window. In a twinkling the other Marathon runner was after him, also going out of the window. For nearly half a mile there was a chase, when

Ellison was overhauled. He and the woman were taken to the police station, where Florence Taylor was charged with maintaining a disorderly house and Ellison with interfering with a policeman. They were held in \$500 bail for a hearing.

HAT HER DISCOMFITURE

Denmark Women Don't Appreciate Broadway Attire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Because she wore a hat that was three feet in diameter,

Miss Ingeborg Marian Jensen, who had gone to her old home in Copenhagen on a visit, was laughed out of Denmark. "I couldn't stand it," she said, as she stepped from the liner Oscar II.

Several months ago she was operated on for appendicitis, and the surgeon recommended that she go abroad for a rest. She appeared at home wearing Broadway clothes, and created a sensation. "Never before have the people of Copenhagen—or at least those with whom she came in contact—seen such attire."

"The old ladies turned around on the street and athred at me," said she. "Some of them yelled at me. I stood it two weeks, then went aboard the Oscar II."

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