

RUN ON MEXICAN BANK BREAKS IT

Fail to Pay Clearing-House After Run Which Lasts Throughout Day.

NO STATEMENT GIVEN OUT

Officials in Charge Refuse to Tell Condition of Institution—Ex-President Ham Disappears From Place of Refuge.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.—The United States Banking Company was suspended tonight from the clearing house upon its failure to make a settlement of today's business. By a special arrangement the bank was given until 9:30 tomorrow morning to make good its deficit, which is said to amount to 400,000 pesos.

From 10 o'clock in the morning until 4:30 this afternoon, except for a lull of an hour at mid-day, a line of depositors crowded the lobby of the institution and five paying tellers were kept busy.

The bank honored every check and it is estimated that during the day 2,000,000 pesos were withdrawn. James Forsyth, assistant manager of the Mexican branch of the Bank of Montreal, and who was yesterday placed in charge of the United States Banking Company, tonight refused to discuss the bank's condition or to explain why large signs stating that the bank of Montreal had assumed charge were taken down several hours after they had been tacked up.

Crowd Gets Anxious. The crowd began to assemble half an hour before opening time. When the bank opened there was a crush about the paying teller's windows which soon increased to such an extent that it was necessary to convert bookkeepers and receiving tellers' cages into paying teller's compartments. Many women were in the crowd and some were roughly jostled by men.

Early in the day huge placards announcing that the bank of Montreal had assumed charge of the United States Banking Company, "for the present," were posted. These appeared to have the effect of restoring confidence in a measure and toward noon the line diminished until only a few persons were at the windows. Soon after noon, for some reason, which was not explained, the line to explain, these placards were removed, whereupon the run was resumed with renewed vigor.

The manager of the National Bank of Mexico denies that the institution was behind the United States Banking Company in its present financial difficulties, as was said by Mr. Forsyth last evening to be a fact. A Mexican banking official said he believed that the bank of Montreal would take care of the situation.

Run on Bank Foreseen. Visits to other representative bankers elicited the information that a week ago today they foresaw the run on the United States Banking Company and had prepared to meet any possible emergency. Cash was piled high in the vaults of every bank in the institution here, but no sympathetic run occurred and no one fears a general panic in Mexico City.

George L. George, formerly president of the United States Banking Company, and who, until he turned over to the institution in the case of the clearing sessions, was the heaviest stockholder, was not at the sanitarium where yesterday he was reported to have taken refuge. He left early today and could not be found.

The Mexican National Packing Company, of which John W. DeKay is president, and which is said to be a heavy creditor of the bank, denied that it had gone into the hands of a receiver or was in any way affected because of the situation of the United States Banking Company.

No official statement of the condition of the United States Banking Company has been given out. Rumors are the effect that, while depositors will be paid in full, stockholders will lose, were neither affirmed nor denied authoritatively.

This is the first run on a bank here in many years.

SISTER LOSES WAGE SUIT. Vancouver Woman Sought \$5220 for Labor for Brother.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A verdict in favor of the defendant was rendered by the jury tonight in the case of Mrs. Mary Carroll vs. Michael C. Flynn, administrator of the estate of Michael Hannon, deceased.

The plaintiff sued for \$5220, wages claimed to be due at \$15 per month from 1878 to 1908, she having been during that time the only worker for her brother, the deceased Mr. Hannon. According to the will of Hannon, Mrs. Carroll will get one-fourth of the estate, valued at \$5000, but she gets nothing for wages.

BOYCOTT GROWING, PRICES LOWERING

Marked Decrease in Price of Foodstuffs Reported From Many Points of Country.

UNIONS OF COLORADO JOIN

Beginning Today 50,000 Men in That State Will Eat No Meat Until Cost Is Less—Special Grand Jury in New York.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—From many parts of the country come reports of lower prices for foodstuffs and accessions to the ranks of anti-meat crusaders. The labor unions of Colorado have passed resolutions that, beginning today, the 50,000 men who make up their ranks will eat no more meat until there has been a material reduction in the price.

As showing the effect the boycott has had so far, reductions were made here today of from 2 to 5 per cent in the wholesale prices of eggs, butter, potatoes, pork products and the higher grades of dressed beef cuts. On the exchanges quotations for live hog, cattle and sheep and wheat, corn, oats and provisions are materially less.

Butter Is Still Lower. Butter, a reduction in which was announced yesterday, has declined still more, from 32 to 31 cents, wholesale. Eggs, too, are now 32 cents a dozen, as contrasted with 34 cents last week.

New York reports large reductions in the price of foodstuffs. Milk has dropped 1 cent a quart on at least two of the big dealers' routes; butter, in the best qualities, has been cut 5 cents a pound; eggs are off 6 cents a dozen. Storage eggs that have been put out as "strictly fresh," at high prices, are no longer sold as such.

The anti-monopoly laws of New York State are to be invoked in the fight for lower prices. A special grand jury has been sworn to consider the effect of combinations among dealers on the prices of foodstuffs. The alleged milk combine in the city will be taken up first, and then the jury will turn its attention to meat.

Export Tax on Meat Wanted. In Cleveland a movement has been started asking Senator Burton to father a movement to have an export tax placed on meat. The supplementary to petitions now being presented for signature in the city. These petitions will be sent to Congress.

Pittsburg began its meat fast of 30 days today. About 25,000 workmen went to their toll with not a sign of meat of any kind in their dinner pails. The movement has already had its effect on the prices of food. Butter has dropped 6 cents from yesterday, eggs are down 2 and 3 cents a dozen. The director of the Department of Health advises eating meat but once a day, as a solution to the problem.

LOCAL PRICES NOT AFFECTED. Result, However, May Be to Prevent Expected Advances.

The anti-meat crusade in the Eastern states has had no effect on Portland prices. Meat is readily obtainable here, and there has been no agitation for reductions. Prices in the Eastern cities, even with the greatly reduced prices that have come down sharply since the boycott was begun.

The decline at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City, however, has not been sufficient to affect prices here, except to the extent of possibly checking the advance in hogs. At this time of year livestock usually advances steadily. It began going up at the beginning of winter and there was every prospect that the market would continue to rise until grass-fed stock was available in the spring.

The check given to the Eastern markets, however, by the anti-meat agitation may keep local prices of livestock where they are the remainder of the season. Portland butchers say that the prices of meat in this market compare favorably even with the greatly reduced prices that now prevail in these Eastern cities where the boycott has become effective.

NESMITH COUNTY OPPOSED. Eugene Plans to Co-operate With Other Towns in Campaign.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Commercial Club last night the appointment of a committee to keep local prices of livestock where they are the remainder of the season of the club by C. S. Williams, to organize for opposition to the creation of what is Nesmith County from the southern portion of Lane County and the northern portion of Douglas County was authorized.

The State Board of Fish Commissioners has posted notices that effective along the banks of the Willamette, H. C. McAllister, Master Fish Warden, who was here yesterday, conferred with H. C. O'Malley, Superintendent of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. The Board of Fish Commissioners and the United States Bureau of Fisheries are working in harmony in stocking the Willamette.

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BEN SELLING

LEADING CLOTHIER

In cold storage as long as a year. Nine months should be the longest period, he thought.

HEN PLAYS GREAT ROLE

Shelled Oval Should Not Be Kept Over Nine Months.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Aside from discussion of the American hen and her products, the feature of today's inquiry into high food prices by a House committee was the statements of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, that sinister influence had accomplished the repeal of the provision of law relating to enforcing efficiency in the cold storage of food products.

Dr. Wiley said the elimination of the appropriation for this work had greatly hampered his department in protecting the public from deleterious food products.

In reply to questions, Dr. Wiley stated he was sure the cold-storage people themselves had had nothing to do with it, and, of course, the consumer was innocent. The appropriation was omitted last year.

"What is the most certain method of assuring oneself that an egg is absolutely fresh?" asked Representative Pearre.

"Watch the hen," replied Dr. Wiley. "I want to know when an egg seems to be fresh and starts verging on the stale," explained Mr. Pearre.

"I'll answer it," replied Dr. Wiley, "if you will tell me when a pig ceases to be a pig and begins to become a man."

Seriously, Dr. Wiley said cold storage could not be blamed for all bad eggs. He added that they should not be kept

PINCHOT NAMES ATTORNEY

Investigation Starts Today With Glavis First Witness.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Gifford Pinchot today notified the Congressional investigating committee that George M. Pepper, of Philadelphia, would act as his attorney throughout the hearing and probably as attorney for other ex-Forest Service officials, and for Glavis.

The investigation will begin tomorrow at 2:30 P. M. The first witness called will be Glavis.

Webb to Marry Miss Havemyer. NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—James Watson Webb, son of Dr. W. Seward Webb and grandson of the late William H. Vanderbilt, obtained a license today to marry Miss Electra Havemyer, a daughter of the late H. Havemyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company. Mr. Webb gave his age as 25 years.

Cooks County Pioneer Dies. MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—George R. Wasson, who has been a resident of Cooks County since 1852, died yesterday at his home on South Blough. He was 86 years of age. Deceased was born in New Brunswick and rounded the Horn in 1832 and has since lived on Cooks Bay. He was one of the oldest settlers.

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