

STRONG-BOX THEFT STILL IS MYSTERY

Absence of Bank President Delays the Solution of Missing Money.

TWO SIGNATURES DIFFER

Carsen and Charles Script Baffle Officials, Who Profess Bewilderment That Stranger Secured Access to Bank's Vaults.

In the absence of S. G. Reed, president of the German-American Bank, no particulars can be obtained from bank officials as to the progress made towards solving the identity of the mysterious man who entered the bank deposit vaults, giving the name of A. B. Carsen, and induced President Reed to chisel open the drawer rented by Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Charles, under the name of Carsen.

Officials Keep Mum.

Who the clerk was who refused to open the box and referred the inquirer to President Reed cannot be obtained at the bank, the simple answer being "no information," being all bank officials will divulge.

The sources from which the information regarding the box could have been divulged are three, viz: the bank officials and Mr. Charles and his wife. Neither Attorney Beardslee nor Attorney Stott were aware of the location of the box or had a key that would open the box.

On the morning of January 11 Attorney Seabrook gave Mr. Charles \$7000, which he took out of his own box. After introducing Mr. Charles to the bank under the name of A. B. Carsen, Mr. Seabrook left the bank and Mr. Carsen made his own arrangements for the leasing of the box.

The name Carsen was chosen by Mr. Charles, after Mr. Seabrook suggested it was better to have a name that could be remembered and suggested one that could be indicated by the first three letters of the alphabet.

Charles, Not Carsen, Says Lawyer.

According to Attorney Seabrook, there is absolutely no possibility that Mr. Charles could, himself, have been the mysterious visitor who disappeared with the \$5000 contained in the box, \$2000 having been previously drawn out. Charles has a most prominent and distinctive face, with a red Vandike beard, but the man who appeared, giving the name of Carsen, was a short, dark and shabby personage. Bank officials and those possessing information on the robbery say that a large sum in gold was observed in the box by President Reed when he opened it with the chisel.

It was evidently intended by the bank men that the signature of Carsen should be a means of identification. As the signature the man gave was in no respect like that of Charles when he signed the name of Carsen, other bank officials profess bewilderment as to how the box was opened for a stranger.

When Mr. Charles visited the bank with his key and announced the robbery of the money, he was asked for his second key. If he did not have it with him, but told the bank men where it could be found in his residence, also where the receipt for the money was, a bank man accompanied Mr. Charles to his residence, 1164 Patton avenue, and found the key and receipt in the stated position.

CAT'S CRY SAVES LIFE

Feline's Actions Result in Rescue of Woman.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A cat crying and scratching on the inside of the door to Mrs. Henrietta Banker's flat on the third floor of an apartment house at 198 Brook avenue, the Bronx, attracted the attention of Isabel Breen, who was entering the flat. Breen is 19 years old and lives with her mother on the top floor. She is studying to become a trained nurse. Mrs. Axelson, on the first floor, is ill and the Breens have been caring for her.

Miss Breen knocked on the door, but the only response she got was more scratching and loud meows from under the door. She ran down stairs to her mother and told her about it, and then she went out on the fire escape and climbed to this third floor back. The window was locked, so Miss Breen kicked her foot through, cutting her leg severely. When she got into the room she discovered that it was filled with gas.

Miss Breen threw all the doors and windows open. In the kitchen she tripped over a chandelier which had fallen. She looked into an adjoining room and saw Mrs. Banker lying on the floor unconscious.

While the girl worked over Mrs. Banker neighbors who had come in attempted to check the flow of gas, but were unsuccessful and were forced to leave. As soon as an ambulance arrived from Lincoln Hospital Miss Breen stuffed a cork into the pipe, which was effective until the gas was shut off entirely.

Mrs. Banker was taken to the hospital, where they said that she had excellent chances of recovery. Dr. Baker said that he had never heard of a finer young person than Miss Breen. Today, the cat was pretty badly overcome, and it took the girl some time to revive her.

MAN DREAMS, BREAKS BACK

Sees House Afire in Vision and Jumps From Porch Roof.

STAMFORD, Conn., April 12.—George McGuire, 50 years old, is in a hospital here with a broken back, received in a fall from his porch roof while walking in his sleep.

"I dreamed that the house was afire and that I had to jump to save myself," he told his sons, after the accident. He is not expected to recover.

ARREST AFTER 30 YEARS

Nephew Traces Man Who Slew Uncle in Ohio Long Ago.

TOLEDO, O., April 12.—Charging Joseph Shanberger with a murder committed near Waterville 30 years ago, an affidavit was signed in the county prosecutor's office by Frank Kohl, nephew of the victim, John Kohl. Frank Kohl was a little boy when the murder was committed.

MOORE MAKES PLEA

Oregon Trust Official Will Turn State's Evidence.

GOTHAM GIRL BRAVES FIRE

Risks Life to Save Baby Sister After Father Failed.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Fanny Goldman, 12 years old, was burned about the face while rescuing her sister Sophie, 2 years old, from their burning flat at 126 Clinton street. A curtain which caught fire from the stove blew into a can of benzine and set the place afire. Jacob Goldman, Fannie's father, was burned about the body while trying to rescue his children in the rear room. Fannie threw herself flat on the floor and crawled under the flames and brought her sister out.

COUPLE WITH 42 GRANDCHILDREN CELEBRATE THEIR SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson F. Ross, father and mother of Mrs. A. W. Vincent, of St. Johns, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vincent in St. Johns. Several of their sons and daughters were present.

Mr. Ross was born in Vermont; Mrs. Ross in Canada. They were married in Lexington, Mich., April 4, 1850.

Mr. Ross served under General Sherman in his march to the sea. He is proud of the fact that his great grandfather, George Ross, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. When he was in the Army his wife supported the family by weaving cloth for the neighborhood, and was considered the best weaver in the district.

In 1876 the Rosses settled at Rooster Rock on the Columbia River, and a son now lives on the old home farm, while the old folks make their home with the youngest daughter, Mrs. A. W. Vincent.

There are 42 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, besides two daughters and five sons, living.

Those present at the dinner and reunion were Dan W. Ross, Cleone, Or. and Mrs. Dewitt C. Ross and three children, Graham; James W. Ross and daughter, of Rooster Rock; Mrs. Josephine Stapleton and daughter; Mrs. Mary Haynes, Mrs. B. F. Daves; Mrs. Snow, Dr. L. H. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fisher, Portland; Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Vincent, and two sons, Wood, Or.; B. P. Reynolds, of Cleone; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Valentine, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Vincent, St. Johns.

Moore will appear before Presiding Judge Morrow this morning and will plead guilty to a charge of having accepted deposits when the bank was insolvent.

WOMEN TO PAINT CHURCH

WORK ON STREET, HOWEVER, TO BE DONE BY MEN.

Money Used for Furnishings, So Fair Members Make Bargain for Further Improvements.

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 12.—Last a campaign for church improvement he halted by a lack of funds, a dozen prominent women members of St. Barnabas's Protestant Episcopal Church have undertaken the job of painting the exterior of the edifice.

Headed by the wife of the Rev. Philip Smith, the rector, and Miss Florence Stewart the women astonished residents this morning by appearing with ladders, paint pots and brushes and bravely setting to work.

By noon they had completed a 30-foot section, from the eaves to the ground. They declare they will finish the job before the week ends. The women balked at climbing ladders on the front of the church facing St. Mary's street, and after a consultation formed a pin-money fund to employ a man to do that section. No crowds stopped to gaze at a mere man up a ladder.

"We had used so much money on the new guild houses and their furnishings that it looked as if the church would have to wait until Fall for a new coat of paint, said one of the women today. "We talked it over with Mrs. Smith and she suggested that we women do the painting, if the men would furnish the paint."

"We made the bargain with the men, who didn't seem to think we would live up to our contract. Well, we are doing our part, and we expect also to help grade the lawn and make the new flower beds. Mrs. Smith will direct us, as she can use a paint brush, spade, hammer or saw as well as any man."

When a new roof was put on the church recently the contractor declared a certain section had not been included in the bid. When a squabble seemed imminent, Rector Smith brought about peace by donning overalls and finishing the disputed section unassisted.

Catholics to Build Rainier Church. RAINIER, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The Catholics of this city have given out the contract for a \$2000 church building to be made at once. The building will be modern, and in size 25x70. This will make the fourth religious denomination of Rainier to erect a church building, the other three being the Methodist, Congregational and Saints.

Ten town lots in Roselle given away. See page 6.

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FINE WILL BE ASSESSED

Testimony to Be Used Against W. Cooper Morris, Who Is Said to Have Sought Same Privilege. Lytle to Testify, Too.

W. H. Moore, ex-president of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, will plead guilty today to one of the five indictments with which he is charged. Mr.

consists of 186.23 acres in three tracts. The real property in Multnomah County is valued at \$22,666.58, six lots in block 310, Couch Addition, being appraised at \$2250 each, and two lots in the same block at \$4000 each. Of the personal property, valued at \$46,760.80, Mr. Flanders' interest in the law firm of Williams, Wood & Latholom is valued at \$5000. The appraisal in this county was made by I. G. Davidson, George Dekum and H. E. Reed.

Alice S. Winslow and Wirt Minor filed in the County Court yesterday their second semi-annual account as executors of C. B. Winslow's estate. It shows the receipts during the last six months to have been \$6239, the disbursements, \$1874.20 and the cash on hand, \$4,664.86.

Grand Jury Urged to Act. Presiding Judge Morrow instructed Deputy District Attorney Page yesterday to convey to the grand jury the suggestion of the court that it take action in the case of Grant C. Carder, either returning a true bill or a not true bill. Carder's attorney said his client had been in jail for some time, that the prosecuting witness is not acting in good faith and that Carder wanted to be at work instead of in jail. Carder was bound over to the grand jury March 3. He is charged with being connected with the recent Hindu riots in St. Johns.

Conviction Is Ground for Divorce. Following her recent action in withdrawing her divorce complaint from the Circuit Court, Mrs. Martha E. Dickerson filed a supplemental complaint yesterday in which she makes the conviction of her husband of manslaughter for the shooting of Harry A. Garrett a ground for divorce. She says she married R. T. Dickerson a second time February 12, 1909, but that he is now serving a three-year sentence in the Penitentiary, his appeal to the Supreme Court having been dismissed.

Lack of Guardian Bars Suit. The suit of A. Ralph Hammer against the Sanitarium Company and the Sanitarium Association has been dismissed because no guardian had been appointed for him. It appears that at the time he swore to the complaint charging attendants at the Crystal Springs Sanitarium with having treated him brutally he had been committed to the Salem Insane Asylum. The court therefore held the complaint invalid, unless a guardian ad litem were appointed on or before March 1.

Walker Is Acquitted. Augustus Walker was acquitted in 10 minutes yesterday morning by the jury in Judge Bronaugh's department of the Circuit Court which has been trying him for alleged obtaining of money by false pretenses. It was alleged that Walker secured \$1000 from John Rometsch on a \$16,000 mortgage to Washington land, that the land was not worth over \$600 and the mortgage worthless.

Suit for \$1500 Filled. E. W. Garver filed suit yesterday against Ernest A. Lang to recover \$1500 on an alleged contract for the purchase of a shoe business at 133 Killingsworth avenue. Garver says he paid \$1500 when he contracted to purchase the business from Lang, but that the agreement has now been rescinded.

Railroad Concession Granted. LONDON, April 12.—Information reached the British foreign office today that the concession for the financing of the construction of the Chinchow-Aigun Railroad, sought by a syndicate of British and American capitalists, has been granted by China.

Lawsuit Opens on Thomas Estate. The lawsuit of Conrad Green, administrator of J. L. Thomas' estate, against E. Tanner and Minnie Tanner for \$504

was taken under advisement by Judge Gates in the Circuit Court yesterday.

\$3.60 COSTS FIVE YEARS Man Sentenced to Penitentiary for Passing Small Forged Check.

Joseph Johnson, alias John Moore, was sentenced by Presiding Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday to serve five years in the Salem Penitentiary for knowingly uttering a forged check for \$3.60. The check was passed February 18, Johnson having made it payable to himself, signing it Charles D. Lombard. The paper was drawn on the Scandinavian-American Bank.

A. A. Dixon was arraigned before the presiding judge yesterday afternoon on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. It is alleged that he passed a \$15 check on M. Hyman March 12, the paper being drawn on the bank of French & Company, at The Dalles.

THE FOLLY OF CARELESS PIANO BUYING

Buying a piano without thoughtfully measuring and investigating its merits, without knowing to a certainty the character of its makers, the materials used in its construction, and its reputation for durability and permanent usefulness, is an unwise and dangerous experiment.

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The Third Car of Pabst's Bock Beer. Has just arrived. This year's Pabst's Milwaukee Bock is of such excellent quality and in such demand that we can hardly supply the demand. S.A. Arata & Co. 104 Third 69-71 Sixth Arata Brothers. Agents for Pabst's Draught and Blue Ribbon Bottled Beer.

Irvington. The Supreme Court has recently ratified the franchise for the Fifteenth-Street extension of the Irvington carline. Work on the extension is under way now and cars will be running this Summer. Prices on property along this line will double. So—NOW—is a good time to buy. Buy before the prices soar. Notice the map at the top of this announcement. It is a map of Irvington. The section blocked off has been completely improved. It is the finest improved residence section of Portland. Improvements are finished and bonded. When the Fifteenth-Street extension is finished this section will be fed by two excellent service carlines. A line on either side. As it is now this section has the best service carline of any residence section of Portland. Cars every three to five minutes. Only a twelve-minute ride to the lots blocked off on the map. In anticipation of the increase the Fifteenth-Street extension will cause, we are raising the prices on all unsold lots in this section. Present prices will hold until May 1st, when they will be advanced \$200 on every lot remaining unsold at that time.

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