

BIG BANK MERGER IS NOT UNLAWFUL

Taft and MacVeagh Almost Ready to Call on Congress for Aid.

SECRETARIES NOT AGREED

President to Take Case of Morgan-Rockefeller Money Combination for Review—Far-Reaching Effect Is Realized.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Although President Taft and Secretary MacVeagh would like to prevent the consolidation of the Morgan and Standard Oil banks in the new National City Company, they probably will soon have to admit that without the help of Congress they can do nothing.

The query as to the legality and desirability of the combination, from the administration's point of view, started in the office of Controller Murray. Before it is disposed of it will have been passed upon by Attorney-General Wickersham and President Taft. It is impossible to make out a prima facie case of violation of any statute. Clearly the National bank act does not forbid it. It was said at the Treasury today that it would probably be a week or 10 days before any decision or announcement in the matter might be expected.

Law Sought in Vain.

All the officials having anything to do with National banks are willing to go on record as being opposed to such a concentration of the two strongest banking combinations in the world, but they can find nothing either in the law or in the law-stretching regulations of Controller Murray that enables them to stop the concentration.

Because of what is believed to be a difference of opinion between the two cabinet officers, all the papers in the case will be sent to President Taft at Beverly.

That President Taft would review the case developed suddenly today as Secretary MacVeagh was ready to make public the Attorney-General's findings and his own decision. For that reason he declined to give any intimation of his position, but it is known that nearly all his advisers feel that if any definite attitude toward the extension of the influence of National banks into trust companies and security companies was announced at this time, the whole question of financial legislation might be entangled when it comes up at the next session of Congress with the monetary commission's report.

Other Banks Interested.

Mr. Wickersham's findings deal directly only with the reported holdings by the National City Bank of other bank stock through the medium of the National City Company. The question of the interest of National banks in trust companies arose as a consequence of these findings and attention was directed to the case of the National City of the Continental-Commercial Bank of Chicago in the Continental and Commercial Trust Company.

Attorney-General Wickersham takes the position that centralization of banking companies might take place if National banks were allowed to acquire the stocks of other banking institutions.

The Treasury Department, for about ten years, has been tacitly permitting such relationships with the understanding that the National institutions might meet the competition of state banks, which usually operate under liberal provisions. Aside from the question of public policy, Secretary MacVeagh's advisers, it is said, believe that no provision of the National bank act has been violated.

MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

Unless Man Repudiates Confession, Killing of Years Ago Is Explained.

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 23.—In the arrest of John Phillips at Fulton, Ill., today a murder mystery of many years standing has been solved, if the alleged confession of Phillips proves to be genuine. John Ellinghaus was shot and killed at his place of business February 12, 1902. Phillips was under suspicion. Early this morning, Phillips was found at Fulton, Ill., wandering the streets. When arrested he exclaimed: "I am the man who shot Ellinghaus." He is said to have asserted that he was tired of being hounded by officers.

BAKERS' COLLEGE SOUGHT

Professor Would Add Bread-Making to Scientific Course.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—Education in the sciences for bakers, "that they may know the why as well as the how of the bread-making business," was advocated today by Professor G. L. Teller, of the Columbia Laboratories, Chicago, addressing the third session of the National Association of Master Bakers. Professor Teller proposed that technical education for bakers be given in connection with college courses, in the same way that agricultural courses are given.

FRANCE PREPARES REPLY

Final Word to Germany Concerning Morocco to Be Submitted Soon.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—A cabinet council has been called for next Friday when consideration will be given to what is believed to be France's final word to Germany concerning Morocco, and the compensations to Germany in other parts of Africa. The ministry will have to estimate the effect on French public opinion of this reply, when it is published naturally, quite as much as its effect on Germany.

37 GOVERNORS CONFER

Rates, Taxes and Local Problems Are Topics.

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Aug. 23.—Plans for the annual conference of Governors of the states of the Union, to be held here September 12 to 18, were made today. Employers' liability, the inheritance tax, fixing of interstate rates and pub-

lic utilities and prison labor will be discussed. It is expected that 27 Governors will attend. Two absentees—Governor Johnson, of California, and Governor Eberhardt, of Minnesota, will be detained at home by state business. On the opening day Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, will make an address of welcome, to which Governor Carey, of Wyoming, will respond. Governor Wilson, of Kentucky, will make the opening address on "Possibilities of the Governors' Conference," and Governor Norris, of Montana, and Governor O'Neal, of Alabama, will speak on "Strengthening the Power of Executives." Governor and Mrs. Wilson will hold a reception in the evening.

The day session on Wednesday will be given up to the subject of "Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation." The principal addresses will be made by Governors Dr. Haddock, of Missouri, and Aldrich, of Nebraska.

Two important topics are on the program Thursday, Governors Dix, of New York, and Noel, of Mississippi, will discuss "Inheritance Tax and State Comity." "The Right of the States to Fix Interstate Traffic Rates," will be the subject for Governor Haddock, of Missouri, and Aldrich, of Nebraska. All day Friday will be given to "State Control of Public Utilities," the principal address being by Governor McCarroll, Saturday morning, Governors West, of Oregon, and Osborne, of Michigan, will talk on "Problems of Prison Labor." The conference will adjourn at noon on Saturday.

WILEY FACTION LOSING

FOOD AND DAIRY OFFICIALS STAND BY WILSON.

Convention of Commissioners expected to Elect Lucius P. Brown, of Nashville, President.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 23.—Rival factions—those who stand for Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and those who stand or fall with Dr. Wiley in the Wilson-Wiley controversy—developed today in the convention of the National Association of Food and Dairy Departments.

Within an hour after the appearance of divergence of opinion on the world, the convention floor, two sides were formed for the principal offices of the association. The election will take place tomorrow.

It is virtually conceded tonight that there was no chance for the Wiley faction to elect the president of the organization. At the same time a hot fight will be made by the Wiley followers for the other offices.

The Wiley men are framing a telegram to be sent to President Taft and Dr. Wiley and every delegate is being asked to sign it. Lucius P. Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., is expected to be the next president. Ohio, Virginia and the State of Washington are after the next convention. Today's programme included a discussion of standards in their relation to the enforcement of the speculators, in which Dr. M. E. Jaffa, director of food and drug laboratory at Berkeley, Cal., took part.

HOLD COTTON, IS ADVICE

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS GIVE COUNSEL TO PLANTERS.

Statistical Position of Staple Said Not to Justify Wall Street Estimate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Declaring that the statistical position of cotton was misrepresented by Wall street, a committee representing the members of Congress from seven Southern states issued a statement advising cotton planters to hold their staple for 15 cents. State banking associations will be urged to co-operate against the bearish movement of the speculators. The committee in its statement says: "It seemed to be the opinion of all

TOGO IN WINNIPEG

Dominion, Province and City Greet Naval Hero.

TRAVEL AGREES WITH HIM

Leaving United States, Admiral Says Industrial Enterprise Impressed Him Most—Women Charming, of Course.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 23.—Admiral Togo reached Winnipeg this afternoon and was met by representatives of the Dominion and Provincial governments, the City Council and Sir William Whyte, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, over which line the Admiral is traveling.

Admiral Togo remained only an hour here. He is traveling informally and no special attention will be paid him while he is in Canada.

On the train leaving the United States the Admiral talked more freely than he had done before about his impressions of the country. He was asked how the strenuous life of the past few days agreed with him.

Sightseeing Does Not Tire.

"I am not tired," he replied. "The sights were so interesting. I was enjoying every minute of my stay so much that I did not feel any fatigue. I feel splendid. I am accustomed to busy tasks. And here I want to express, again and again, my gratitude for the kindness and hospitality shown to me by the citizens and by the Government. I have no word to thank the President and the American public."

"What in this country has impressed you most?" "Its industrial development and the remarkable enterprise of your people," Togo replied promptly.

"What do you think of American women?" "They are beautiful, and I saw many of the most prominent ladies in this country. I saw most charming and cultivated American ladies in Washington, in West Point, at the Navy-Yard and at Governor's Island today. They are graceful and beautiful."

Reply Gallant and Diplomatic.

"Which are the more effective dresses, the American gowns or the Japanese kimono?" There was a twinkle in the eyes of the famous sea fighter as he said: "It is difficult to answer, because the American women look most charming in their own dress and the Japanese women are lovely in their kimono."

"Now, how about the American Navy and its yards?" was suggested.

Togo hesitated, then replied somewhat rapidly, as if in hopes that his words might be lost and thus save him from a possible indiscretion: "I have said to other gentlemen, and I repeat it, that the American Navy is one of the strongest in the world—I just say that Navy and yards are great."

TOGO LUNCH IS PROTESTED

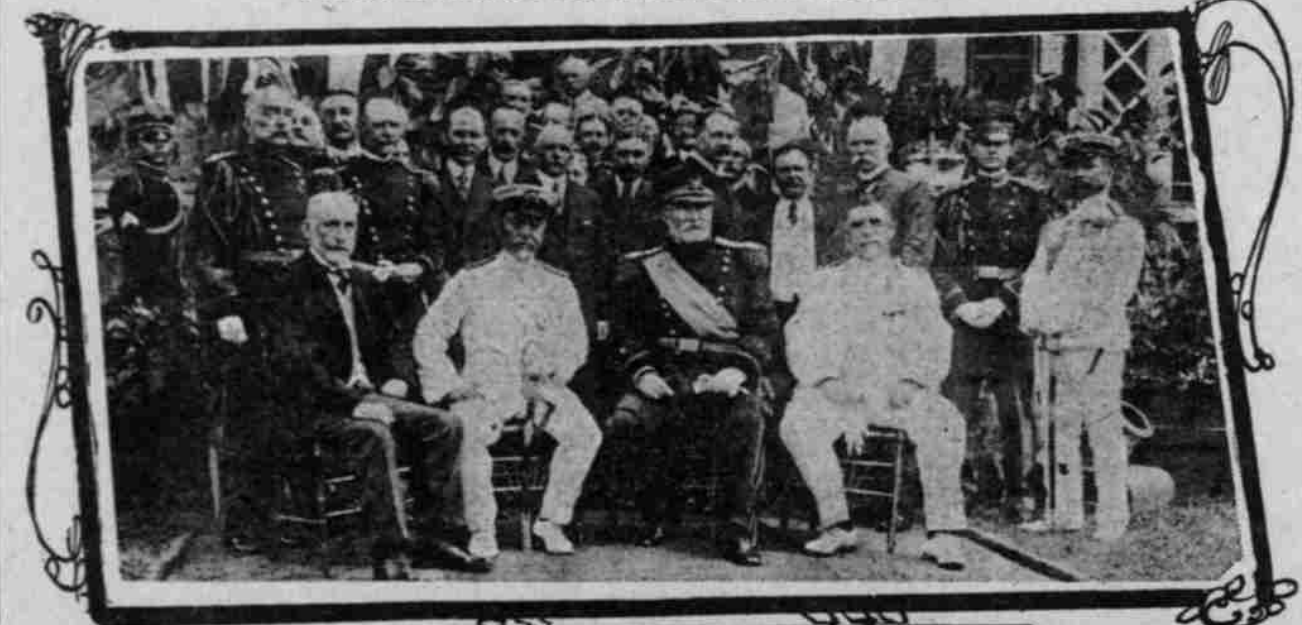
Because Sunday Is Banquet Date, Vancouver, B. C., Folk Object.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 23.—Because of objections of citizens to the proposed Sunday luncheon, which the Vancouver City Council was preparing to tender Admiral Togo, of the Japanese Navy, on his arrival here, the Aldermen have decided to hold a special meeting of the Council tomorrow to decide whether to go ahead with the reception plans.

Admiral Togo has altered his itinerary to a slight extent and instead of reaching Vancouver from the East Sunday morning, he will arrive here at 10:25 Saturday night.

It is expected that the City Council will formally welcome him to the city when he steps off his train.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOGO SEEING THE UNITED STATES.



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NEW GOLD RUSH STARTS

HUNDREDS IN MAD STAMPEDE FOR RICH YUKON STRIKE.

Placer Diggings Near Tagish Post on McClintock Creek May Rival Famous Klondike.

SKAGWAY, Alaska, Aug. 23.—Colonel Conrad, of Caribou, who arrived from Caribou Crossing last night, reported a great placer gold strike on McClintock Creek, entering Marsh Lake, about 10 miles from Tagish post, Yukon Territory. A stampede has started for the new goldfield and the town of Caribou is deserted by every one who has right to file on a mining claim.

Great excitement prevails in the surrounding towns and all the boats are crowded with prospectors. Many unable to get aboard the steamers are rushing overland.

"Shorty" Austin and Reid Good were on the creek and found a lone prospector at work. He had a hole 15 feet deep and although he had not reached bed rock, had found good pay. The ground is not frozen, and the gold, which is coarse, appears plentiful.

Austin and Good staked their claims and then hurried to Caribou with news of the strike. Skagway caught the excitement today and this morning's train over the White Pass was crowded with gold-seekers.

McClintock Creek is 20 miles long and has a good country back of it. In the early '80s, "Chilkoot" Jack Benson took some prospectors to this creek and told them there was gold there, but the prospectors would not heed

him and passed on to Hootallina, where bar diggings were easy.

SPANISH VETERANS ELECT

United Order Selects Atlantic City as Next Convention Place.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 23.—Maurice Simmons, of New York, was elected commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans today. Atlantic City was chosen for the next annual reunion.

A unanimous decision to make every effort to increase their order numerically was reached by the veterans. Reports of officers showed that out of a field of 250,000 men the order has a membership of 45,000.

Free Plants to Decorate Capitol.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Chrysanthemum promises to be the decoration for the next few weeks in all of the state offices. Purchasing Agent Fraser has sent out notices that Florist Hamilton, of the Asylum, has a large number of choice plants of this kind and if the necessary flowering pots are provided by the various state officers that free plants will be forthcoming.

Racing Official Still Missing.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 23.—The State Racing Commission today declared vacant the position of W. E. Bidwell, secretary of the body. Bidwell has not been heard from since early in July. J. Pelham Johnson, an attorney, was selected to succeed him. Bidwell's desk was broken open and the papers therein found to be in good condition. More than a score of entries for the

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