# BIG BANK LOOTER

British Columbia Suspect, John McNamara, Is Accused of Stealing \$375,000.

EXTRADITION NOW SOUGHT

San Francisco Man Known to Police of Many Cities and Stalked Across Continent, Wanted in New Westminster, B. C.

greatly relieved. I thought it was some more serious charge."
In addition to largen, McNamara is charged with dynamiting the bank's sale and binding and gagging a Chinese watchman. McNamara joked with his captors when he was urged to confers, and said he was traveling over the tenatry looking for a good location to open a cafe.

He admitted, the police say, that he was in British Columbia at the time the bank was robbed, and had lived at the Strand Hotel in Vancouver afterward, but declined to say anything further.

McNamarz will be arraigned tomor-ow. Assistant Police Commissioner ougherty said tonight that the British casul here coincidentally will ask for his extradition to Canada.

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For nearly 15 years, the police assert, McNamara has been known to the authorities throughout the country. His picture, they say, is in the rogues' galleries here and in Washington, Louisville and Chicago, but there is no record of any conviction.

Although the detectives trailing McNamara could have arrested him at any time within the last two months, they say, they held off in the hope that he would reveal the hiding piace of the loot. Whether he had done so the police declined tonight to say. They did declare, however, that he had been positively identified as the man who cranked the automobile in which the cracksmen fied from the bank with the money.

The robbers dropped a \$5000 bundle of bills in their haste, and, finding that they had more than they could carry, hid \$24,000 beneath a wooden sidewalk in New Westminster.

Two hundred and forty thousand dollars of the stolen money was negotiable, lacking, however, the signature of the bank's officials. A world-wide

able, lacking, however, the signature of the bank's officials. A world-wide warning was sent to banks to be on guard for this money. Six weeks later a bank in Buffalo received \$1005 in the stolen bills, de-posited, the police declare, by a pool-room keeper. The bank is said to have room keeper. The bank is said to have asked the depositor where he procured it, and upon his failure to give an answer, the money was confiscated.

KNOWN IN SEATTLE

#### Prisoner in Los Angeles Formerly Had Launch on Puget Sound.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 8.—The West-ern manager of the detective agency that arrested John McNamara in New York on a charge of robbing the New Westminster, B. C., bank, and the man known as Charles Deen, alias Hoffman, alias Howard, in Los Angeles, on a similar charge, said tonight McNamara and Deen were seen in Vancouver early in September. Immediately after the robbery, September 12, they disap-peared, and all trace of them was lost in September. Immediately after the robbery. September 12, they disappeared, and all trace of them was lost for a time. Deen was traced to Seattle and then through Chicago, Niagara Falls. Buffalo and San Diego to Los Angeles, where he was arrested. Deen, it is said, formerly conducted a bowling alley at lacoma. He owned a faunch and made frequent trips about the Sound. The detectives say that he was injured by an explosion at Spo-

was injured by an explosion at Spo-kane several years ago, when he was boiling dynamite to obtain nitro-gly-

The robbery of the New Westminster Bank is declared to have been the largest that has occurred in the last 40 years. The robbers of whom it is said there were six, appeared at the bank at 4 o'clock in the morning. They bound and gagged Chong Hong, a Chinese janitor, and blew the vault door.
They took loot consisting of gold and large bills amounting to \$375,000, but subsequently \$30,000 was recovered.
The men made their escape in an automobile long before the alarm was given. The robbery took place on a stormy night. Few people were abroad and the explosion was not heard. The first news of the robbery was received when Chong succeeded in freeing himself and ran into the street, giving the alarm.

BAY CITY RECALLS SUSPECT

#### John McNamara Conducted Notorious Resort in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—John Mc-Namara, arrested in New York on the charge of having rebbed the bank at New Westminster, B. C. has a long criminal record, according to a local

criminal record, according to a local detective agency.

McNamara bore the allases of John P. McNab. "Big Mack" and "Australian Mack," and in 1833 was arrested in Hoston on a burglary charge. In 1900 he was arrested in Cleveland on a charge of bank robhery, but was acquitted. He was also arrested in Ausquitted.

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During the Schmitz-Ruef regime in
San Francisco, McNamara is said to
have enjoyed many privileges and conducted a notorious resort known as
"The Turtle." Later he and "Billy"
Gallagher conducted another resort
known as Tun's Cabin. Gallagher was
killed in a pistol duel with a deputy
sheriff at San Mateo.

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er, B. C. was through McNamara's family If was through McNamara's family in this city that he was finally arrested. He had sent \$1000 to his wife, who lives in San Francisco. Through the forwarding of the money, McNamara was located in New York.

McNamara had been associated with a man named Barret, who is now said to be serving time in Oregon for

burglary. Barret is not believed by local detectives to have been connected

local detectives to have been connected with the New Westminster bank robbery. Burret robbed the First National Bank of San Francisco of \$20,000 in 1904, and souved five years in San Quentin for the crime.

Mrs. McNamara denied that she had received any such large sum as \$1000 from her husband.

"I last heard from my husband in September," she said, "when he wrote to me from Vancouver, R. C. saying he was going to Australia. Enclosed was a small sum of money for household expenses. This, I think, is the best proof that he has gone to Austrahold expenses. This, I think, is the best proof that he has gone to Austra-lia, since if he was nearer, he would cectainly send me some money. "I married Mr. McNamara in Austra-

married.

The Barret referred to in the dispatch is known throughout the country as "Billy Barret, the bank sneak." He was arrested in Portland in 1995 on a charge of tapping the Portland Hotel cash register for \$150.

At his preliminary hearing he was released for lack of evidence, but meanwhile the police had been notified that he was wanted in Baltimore and at San Francisco. He served two years in the Maryland penitentiary and three years in San Quentin. He was released last June and at that time passed through Portland. The police here say that he is engaged in business in the Northwest and is leading an honest life.

CAPTURE ENDS LONG CHASE

Record of Hoffman Includes Many Daring Robberles.

LOS ANGELES. Jan. 3.—Charles Hoffman, alias Charles Deen, alias C. W. Howard, was arrested here yester-day by detectives, charged by them with being directly connected with the robbery of the Bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C., last Septem-ber.

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Hoffman, since the blowing of the bank at New Westminster, had been trailed all over the United States. He finally reached San Diego, Cai, and from there went to Los Angeles, where

Hoffman, or Deen, is credited with a ong criminal career, and has served into it is asserted, in the Stillwater, Minn, prison for robbing a Great Northern Railroad train near Fergus Falls, Minn., in the early Spring of

"The arrest of Hoffman was not made public sooner," an operative of the agency said tonight, "because of the request of the Canadian authorities that it be kept secret until other arrests could be made in the East."

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The detective agency gave out a signed statement tonight, showing the work of their men in following Hoffman. "All of the loot," the statement said, "could not be carried away by the robbers, as it consisted mainly of currency. So in their hurry they cached some of it under a sidewalk and some under a bridge near New Westminster, where later this money was recovered.

"The man hunt at once simmered "The man hunt at once simmered down to a still search. The agency at Scattle, by the use of their rogues' gallery, finally succeeded in having three of the burglars identified by persons at New Wessiminister who had seen strange men near the bank. From the tracing of known associates of these men, it was made possible to eliminate a considerable territory and finally our work was confined to the Pacific Coast and to a few of the larger cities in the East.

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"From New York, where we hit a trail, we followed Hoffman to Buffalo, to Chicago, to Philadelphia, then back to San Francisco. From there we trailed him to Los Angeles, Portland, Seattie, Tacoma, and thence to San Diego, where for the first time our men came upon him face to face.

"McNamara is one of the most skillful bank burgiars in the world, and is known to the police of this country, England and Australia.

"Hoffman, or Deen, has a long criminal career. He was arrested November 11, 1898, with Link Thayer, J. B. Edwards, J. C. Hall, W. C. Ross and Homer J. Minot, alias Albert Addison, at Moorhead, Minn., for the robbery of Great Northern train No. 1 the night previous, near Carlisle, and on May 20, 1899 was convicted and sentenced to 1914 years in the state penitentiary at Stillwater. In 1966 he was pardoned. He was arrested with Al Addison and A. S. Grant, alias Graham, after having experienced an explosion of dynamite while they were extracting nitroglycerine at Natatorium Park, Spokane, Wash, Grant, whose true name was Raddigan, was killed by this explosion."

## AT THE THEATERS

## "THE BARRIER"

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BY LEONE CASS BARR.
That strong and human drama of
Alasks, the Alaska of which Rex Beach

given us an insight through "The Barrier," has come again to Portland, brought to the Baker by a company whose work os on the highest level of competency. Authorities agree generally that this story of the aunny. summery farming Alaska, of which Rex Beach chronicles so delightfully, is far preferable as a setting for any story of the Northland, than is the

mining, trapping and trading regions. In the words of George Monroe, "Be that as it may," the story of the blood harrier between the white man and his sedly Indian-tainted sweetheart could have had no more picturesque locale for its development and in all probability could not have happened

elsewhere.

It would be but another incident of carrying the inevitable coals to Newcastle to relate any part of the interesting romance at this late day, when the book has long since become a fixture in one's library and the play an almost annual institution. But Port-land has not been always so fortunate in seeing "The Bar-ler" so splendidly put on the boards.

From the most miner character to the big trio, the two men, Gale and Stark, one the hunted and the other a man hunter, and the girl, Necla, whose

man nonter, and the girs, vectas, whose life is darkened by the touch of Indian blood in her veins, all the characters are individual gems.

Norval MacGregor makes admirable the impersonation of John Gais, the squawman, who is Necia's foster father and hunted for a crime of which he is impocent.

is innocent, Into the role MacGregor Injects a Into the role MacGregor Injects a calm force which holds, gaining atrength by his singleness of purpose. An excellent foil for him is Bryce Howatson as Stark, the latter playing with staunch case and surety that is commendable. During the trying scenes between these two the action is really tense and holds the audience grippingly. Eleanor Haber, a Portland favorite who is remembered of former Baker days, makes wholly delightful and sensitively girlish the role inghtful and sensitively girlish the role of Necia. In the early moments of the play Miss Haber plays merrily and with a charming spirit of mischief, but into the later acts, when Necia learns that her tainted blood is to become "the harrier' to ber marriage with the sol-dier, the actress plays with a grave and attractive dignity. Her emotion is beautifully repressed and suggests rather than displays.

## DISK RECORDS.

Victor records are the best in the "I married Mr. McNamara in Austra-used on other machines. Sherman, Clay "If it is true that he is a robber, a Co. Sixth at Morrison.

## **MOTHER TRIES TO** SAVE BOY IN VAIN

Howard Thomas Dies in Hotel Fire at Hillsboro; Woman Severely Burned.

MATCHES START FLAMES

Dead Lad's Brother, Who Gave Alarm, Says Younger Boy Was Playing With Matches -- Patrons at Commercial House Safe.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 8 .- (Special.) Fire which destroyed the Commercial Hotel here at 7:30 o'clock this morning cost the life of Howard Thomas, aged four, and resulted in severe in-juries to his mother, Mrs. A. J. Thomas, who made a vain attempt to rescue him. The hotel was leased by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who came here recently

Mrs. Thomas, who came here recently from Vancouver, Wash.

Matches, with which Howard Thomas was playing, are believed to have started the fire, though his mother says that the blaze may have started from sparks from a stove.

Elidest Son Gives Alarm. Clayton, aged six, eldest son of M: and Mrs. Thomas, gave the alarm that the hotel was afire. He had been play-ing with his younger brother in the family apartments on the second floor. He said that his brother had lit a match and that this caused the fire. When the fire started he ran flown stairs screaming that the hotel was on fire. Mrs. Thomas was in the kitchen at the time. She ran to the second floor by the back stairway, knowing that Howard was in the alcove. As she opened the door she was met by a sheet of flame.

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With her clothes on fire she con-tinued to try to force her way into the apartments where she knew her boy was, but by this time one of the hotel patrons and H. Brown, the hotel cook, had arrived and restrained her. A blanket was thrown around her, the flames extinguished and she was car-

Body Is Recovered. The body of Howard Thomas was found after the fire in the debris under the alcove where the boy slept. Of the 17 patrons in the hotel at the

time all escaped unharmed.
At the Coroner's inquest tonight witnesses testified that the boy could not have been saved after the alarm was given, as the flames spread with such rapidity.

Mrs. Thomas was taken to Portland

tonight for treatment for her injuries. Her parents live there. At the time of the fire Mr. Thomas was in Portland, having left an hour previously.

The hotel was owned by J. W. Bailey, Ed Schulmerich and W. V. Wiley, of this city, and was built 25 years ago. The loss to the building which was entirely destroyed, is \$4000, with \$1000 insurance. The contents of the hotel ware valued at \$1500 with small in-

insurance. The contents of the hotel were valued at \$1500, with small insurance. The hotel owners announced today that they would erect a new brick building on the site next Spring. Heat from the fire slightly damaged the corner of the Wiley livery harn across the street and broke the windows in a brick building nearby.

#### OFFICER CHOSEN

Miss Mary Ward Membership Secretary at Y. W. C. A.

Miss Mary Ward, for two years a primary teacher at the Hawthorne school has taken the place as mem-bership secretary of the Y. W. C. A. made vacant by the resignation of Miss | first time in the history of the G Alma Hales, who was married December 20 to George Hunt of Berkeley, Cal. Mr. Hunt is connected with the forestry service. He met Miss Hales while they were attending Willamette while they were attending Willamette University. She began her work with the Y. W. C. A. as president of the Willamette association, and served for three years with the Portland association. Miss Ward is a graduate of the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Training School, and also attended the normal school at Albion, Mich. She has been a club leader in the local association for several years.

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The Y. W. C. A. membership fee is \$1. The plan has now been adopted in the cafetaria of charging 5 cents more to non-members than to members. When the nickel is paid a check is given, 20 of which entitles a girl to me bership.

SPURNED CHILD IS SUICIDE

Letter From Mother, Telling Girl

is held before the authorities as largely responsible for the act of Leola
Killion, 15 years old, who had swallowed 15 grains of atrychnine and was
found dead in her room at a boardinghouse here today.

The letter says in part:
"You know I never did want you in
the first place. I would not do anything for you if you were dying and,
as I say, you could not come to see me
if I were dying."

as I may, you could

## STENOGRAPHERS QUIT JOB

House Sugar Trust Inquiry Held Up by Strike-Arbitration Begins.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.-For the today. The House committee stenographers refused to work because the pensation from 25 to 15 cents a folio.

ommittee reporters. The reduction of pay would save about \$5000. Chairman Lloyd, of the committee on accounts, said that if the regular reporters interfered they would be dismissed. nmittee on accounts immedi-The committee on accounts immediately began to arbitrate with the sten-

She Was Always Unwelcome.

WINFIELD, Kan., Jan. 8.—A mother's letter telling a story of a child unwelcomed and despised at birth and spurned to the point of being discovned,

NEWCOMER FROM PORTO RICO SAYS OREGON BEST PLACE.

Homesteader Gives Thanks to Portland Commercial Club for Its Work Advertising Country.

A new sattler in Oregon, a homesteader near Necanicum, who came to Oregon in response to advertisements of the resources of the state as set orth in the publicity literature from ernment, a labor strike held up the Portland Commercial Club, has writnachinery of Congressional legislation oday. The House committee stenogaphers refused to work because the Club thanking its officers for the share ecounts committee reduced their com- they had in bringing him from Porto Rico to this state. The correspondent The sugar trust investigating commit- declares his intention to make his home permanently in Oregon and to build up tee had to adjourn until tomorrow. permanently in Oregon and to build up.
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employed to help the regular salaried secured. He says:

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amplifies reporters. The reduction of I thank the Lord that I am situated as I thank the Lord that I am situated as I am; I will take some of that back and thank the Commercial Club of Portland, Oregon. Your wide-spread voice of welcome to the settler in Oregon is what brought me here, and reached me away down in the little sale of Porto Rico. I went there for my health from Bpffalo, N. Y. my home tows.

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MONTREAL. Jan. 8.—Three persons were killed and three injured today when two Canadian Facific passenger trains, both traveling at full speed, collided near Terrebonns, about 20 miles from Montreal. One train was coming from Quebec and the other from Montreal. Both were crowded with passengers bound for their homes in the country districts after attending special Epiphany services in the two cities.

My health from Bpffalo, N. Y., my nome tows.

I was in Porto Rico in all five years. During the first four years all went well but at inst the grain of all five years. Our instance is a first four years all went well but at inst to do, as I knew I could not stay there any longer. One day I bought a magnature with any town many others, for settlers in the great State of Oregon. I must admit that at the time it sounded a little fish, but since I have come to the dear old fish, but since I h

Storm Interferes With Service

The unusual severity of the "Silver Thaw" has seriously inter-

In consequence of the confusion brought about by the fallen

Since the start of the storm on Saturday the Portland Railway,

fered with our streetcar and electric light service in Portland for

telephone lines and the occasional breaking of the electric wires,

the current was turned off in the eastern portion of the city, at the

request of the city authorities, they fearing injury would befall

Light & Power Company has had a large number of men con-

stantly at work maintaining the streetcar and electric light service, and co-operating with the telephone companies. These men

have worked constantly and diligently during this emergency, and

we especially wish to thank, not only our employes for their un-

in such a good spirit. Our prompt success in restoring service has been due solely to the ability of our employes and the forbearance

We feel especially kind toward all who have so patiently borne up under the circumstances and accepted the unforeseen condition

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO.

tiring efforts, but our patrons for their indulgence.

of the public, for which we feel very grateful.

the public and the linemen working among the broken wires.

the past two or three days.

will make it grow faster than making its

in the way I have been spending it for doctors. You have made a man of me so far as health is concerned, through your efforts to populate and settle Oregon, and you have got one here who is going to etay. I landed in Portland in September, 1910, and I have been pleased with the state ever since. It is great in every respect. I was then nothing but skin and hones and weighed less pounds now and am working hard every day. I looked at several places of land and worked out a bit, but I concluded that a homestead was the place for me, as the land was out of my reach in price, so here I am on 160 acres of good land, have been healthy and happy and the same is true of my wife. It has not been all roses and sunshins, as It has cost more than I thought it would, but I am well satisfied and will stick to it, as I want to see Oregon grow and nothing



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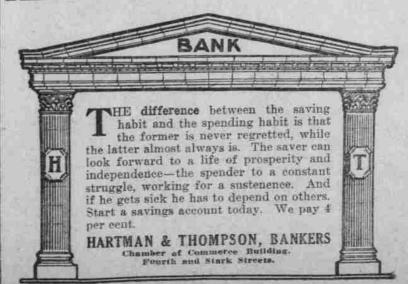
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