

PLUNGER LOSES FORTUNE IN YEAR

John Brandt Walker, Who Led Bear Campaign in Wall Street, Wiped Out.

FORTUNE ONCE \$3,000,000

Millions He Won During His Meteoric Career Melt Away and the Brokers Sue Daring Speculator for Balance.

NEW YORK, June 6.—(Special.)—Judge Guy in the Supreme Court today granted an attachment for \$23,415 against the property of John Brandt Walker, who ten months ago was credited with possessing \$3,000,000 that he had made in the few months previous.

Deals Exceed \$2,000,000.

It was set forth that between March 2 and June 2, 1908, Carpenter, Baggott & Co. bought stocks for Walker to an aggregate of \$2,084,131; and sold the same stocks for \$2,057,865. The losses traded in were principally Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and American Smelters. It is alleged by the petitioner for the writ of attachment that Walker paid \$10,000 on account on March 27, and \$2000 more on May 1, leaving the balance, with interest and commissions, \$12,221.

As soon as the writ was issued it was served on an officer of the Fifth Avenue Trust Company and several brokerage firms with which Walker was thought to have accounts, and set out that Walker was a non-resident.

Great Bear Campaign Fails.

John Brandt Walker was a financial sensation of last year. He conducted a bear campaign beginning in March, 1907, and was credited with having made several millions. He had an office at No. 509 Fifth Avenue, in the house of S. H. P. Pell & Co., brokers. According to his own statement, he traded through 14 houses. In an interview he said he began his bear campaign because of artificially large stock dividends in the face of an unstimulated bond market.

He took a villa at Lakewood, N. J., a cottage at Saratoga, bought a string of fine horses and made a collection of automobiles. Ten years ago Walker came to New York from Chicago. His father was Edwin Walker, of the latter city, who left him \$100,000. The younger Walker, who is 49 years old, was raised in the atmosphere of the Chicago wheat pit, and is said to have lost several fortunes before he began his bear campaign last year.

At his apartment in West Thirtieth street it was said tonight that he was not in the city.

ALLIES TALK ABOUT BOLT. But Taft Men Say Walls Are Prelude to Surrender.

CHICAGO, June 6.—(Special.)—Sixteen more delegates were added to the instructed-for-Taft column by the Republican National committee today, and the "allies," seeing nothing except defeat ahead and moved to bitter denunciation of the party being played by Taft managers now in Chicago, tonight brought new complications into a situation that is tense to a marked degree.

From one of the high authorities which hope conservative action will be taken came the announcement late tonight that decidedly radical moves are threatened by some of the favorite-nom states. The particular states were not named, but it was asserted that the threats go so far as to involve a bolt from the convention, because of alleged high-handed methods that are operating to deprive a large element of the Republican party of representation in the National gathering and preventing a free expression of judgment regarding the nomination of a ticket.

LID FOR BARBARY COAST

San Francisco Will Close Most Vicarious Dens in District.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—(Special.)—As a result of the wanton murder of Policeman Heins on the Barbary Coast Thursday morning, the Police Commissioners have decided to clamp the lid down on that district. The number of patrolmen in the district has been doubled. The most vicious dens will be closed at once. City Attorney Lonn prepared today a list of dance halls in arrears in license payments and announced that he will shut them up for a renewal of their permits this month, several of them are to be closed. Taking advantage of the liberties allowed them during the visit of the fleet, the "Coast" dens have become extremely bold.

Little Boy Is Run Down.

Knocked down and run over by two reckless men driving a buggy, Joe Lavada, the 8-year-old son of J. Lavada, of 252 Second street, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon at the corner of Second and Madison streets at 5 o'clock. Dr. Tommlad was called and dressed the boy's injuries. A policeman was appealed to for the arrest of the two unknown men, said to be drunk, who had ruthlessly run the little boy down without attempting to warn him as he was crossing the street. The policeman endeavored to overtake the men in the buggy, but they drove too fast and disappeared in the crowded streets.

ORDER TROOPS TO ALASKA

Twenty-second Infantry Will Leave Vancouver on Transport Crook.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 6.—(Special.)—In compliance with War Department orders, the Twenty-second Infantry will, upon arrival in the department, proceed to Alaska on the transport Crook and take station as follows, relieving the Tenth Infantry: Headquarters, band, the Adjutant, Third Battalion, machine gun platoon; Companies A and F, at Fort William H. Seward. The Lieutenant-Colonel, the Adjutant,

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