

BANKERS ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL ACTS

Stockholder German-American Sues.

ASSETS JUGGLED, HE SAYS

Ashley, Rumelin, Devlin, Reed and Willis Are Accused.

LOOT \$100,000 IS CHARGE

Sale of Sixth and Washington Property at \$60,000 by P. L. Willis to His Son-in-Law Part of Profit-Sharing Scheme, Is Alleged.

General mismanagement of the German-American Bank, including the misappropriation of about \$100,000, alleged to belong to the stockholders of the bank, is one of the sensational charges in a suit against Mark A. M. Ashley, Charles E. Rumelin, Thomas C. Devlin, Samuel G. Reed and P. L. Willis filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Arthur L. Finley, a stockholder in the German-American Bank.

Mr. Finley demands from the defendants an accounting of their transactions with the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank and the German-American, together with damages in the sum of \$10,000. S. T. Jeffrey is attorney for Mr. Finley.

Conspiracy Is Charged.

In his complaint Mr. Finley charges that the defendants, Devlin, as receiver of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank and cashier of the German-American Bank; Ashley and Rumelin as individuals and members of the partnership of Ashley & Rumelin; Reed, president of the German-American, and Willis, director in the latter bank, through the organization of a conspiracy acquired at a big discount the obligations of the suspended bank, disposed of its assets at a heavy discount and so manipulated its affairs that the stock of the German-American institution, in which plaintiff owned stock to the amount of \$10,000, was rendered valueless.

Control Held Abused.

The complaint of Finley is a sequel to the arrangement by which the German-American Bank took over the assets and liabilities of the Oregon Savings & Trust Bank, under the receivership of Devlin, and by order of court, under a contract to liquidate in full all claims against the suspended bank within two years. Plaintiff alleges that in pursuance of the conspiracy charged, Devlin, Reed and Willis, following the confirmation of this agreement, proceeded to secure possession of the affairs of the German-American Bank. It is alleged in the complaint that Devlin, Reed and Willis in further promoting the alleged conspiracy took into their partnership Ashley & Rumelin as agents for the purchase of certificates of deposit and other evidences of indebtedness of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank at a big discount.

Stockholders Said to Be Squeezed.

The certificates of deposit and the liabilities of the defunct bank so acquired, it is charged, were exchanged at par for promissory notes and other property which came into the possession of the defendants.

SUICIDE ON WANE, STATISTICS SHOW

RATE IN 1910 LOWER THAN IN PRECEDING YEARS.

Firearm Method Still Popular and Is on Increase, With Poison Close Second.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Power persons committed suicide during 1910 than in 1909, according to the latest statistics on the subject, announced today by Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief vital statistician of the United States Census Bureau.

The death rate from suicide in 1910 was 16 per 100,000 of population in the census bureau's death registration area, which comprises about one-half of the country's population, and covers 22 states and several larger cities in other states. The rate was 14.5 in 1909. There were 539 suicides in 1910.

Suicide by fire arms was the favorite method of self-destruction and showed an increase over 1909. Poison was a close second.

California led the states, with 29 suicides to the 100,000 of population, while Maryland with 19.3 had the lowest rate. In the district of more than 100,000 population, San Francisco, with 44.2 suicides to 100,000, led Oakland, Cal., with 32.4 was third, and Seattle, with 32.3, fourth; Los Angeles, 20, fifth. The Portland, Or., rate was 24.4, and Spokane's was 22.7. New York's rate was 18.4 and Chicago's 20.8.

TRADE METHODS VIGOROUS

San Francisco Organizes to Get Steamship Line to Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Arrangements for the establishment of a direct steamship line between San Francisco and Alaska in order that the merchants of this city may get that share of the business of the territory which they have not heretofore enjoyed, are expected to follow. A committee of the Chamber of Commerce, are expected to follow.

It is pointed out that the conditions which made it impossible for San Francisco merchants to do as much trade with Alaska as was to have been expected are due to circumstances over which the merchants themselves have no control, and it is proposed that future efforts be in the nature of mass plays.

The committee consists of A. L. Scott, W. N. Gore, C. F. Michaels, James Tyson and Francis J. Baker.

PUPILS DEVELOP THRIFT

School Savings Bank Has \$35,000, All Children's Own.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The school savings bank system of San Francisco has attained a greater success than in any city in the world, \$25,000 having been saved by pupils in the city schools during the last five months.

Director James E. Power, to whom was delegated the task of installing the system in the school department, is enthusiastic concerning the possibilities of the plan. He believes that it not only teaches children the value of money, but inculcates in them a desire to save. The savings plan is fashioned after the postal savings system, but instead of permitting negotiable certificates, each account is kept in bank and subject to withdrawal only when parents or guardians accompany the depositor.

112 MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

Six Known Dead in Disaster at Kemmerer, Wyo.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 20.—It is reported from Kemmerer, Wyo., that 112 miners were entombed in a dust explosion in mine No. 4 of the Kemmerer Coal Company tonight.

Six are said to be dead, with a number of injured and the fate of the rest is unknown. Details are lacking.

WIDOWER REFUSES TO PAY PHYSICIAN

Novelist's Husband to File Counter-Suit.

ALIENATION TO BE CHARGED

McCullough Says Wife Told Him She Loved Doctor.

MAID REVEALS SECRETS

Woman Who Wrote "Lavender and Old Lace" Declared to Have Been Neurotic, Too Weak to Resist Temptation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)

Dragged from the closet by the "model husband," as she once called him in one of her writings, the skeleton in Myrtle Reed McCullough's "Paradise Flat" was exposed to the world's view today when James Sidney McCullough declared that if Dr. Edmund George Sugg pressed his suit for \$7500 against him as sole executor of the woman novelist's estate he would put in a counter claim for damages for alienation of his wife's affection.

"I see from the attitude of Dr. Sugg that he is going to force publicity, so I might as well tell the facts," said Mr. McCullough.

Love for Doctor Confessed.

"Dr. Sugg did attend my wife professionally, for which he was well paid. The trouble was he did not stop with professional attentions. She finally admitted to me nearly a year before she died that she loved him, although stoutly protesting that she had done no wrong.

"Her nerves were all gone to pieces because of drugs and when she told me that she would be strong and give up Sugg I promised to forgive her everything if she would only live up to that resolution, but I am sorry to say that she, in her nerve-racked state, was too weak to do that.

"Not long after her admission to me I learned from my maid, Annie Larsen, that Dr. Sugg was visiting her at our home, 5129 Kenmore avenue, and that she was returning the visits at his office and taking him on long automobile rides around the city.

Husband and Wife Quarrel.

"The continued attentions of Dr. Sugg to my wife caused several quarrels between us. Mrs. McCullough was becoming more of a neurotic every day, and she told me that she had to take the automobile rides with Dr. Sugg almost daily as part of the treatment. "An effort was made at the time of her death to make it appear that my neglect of my wife and my frequent absences from home in the evenings was the cause of her suicide. The facts are that I stayed away from home because of my wife's affection for Dr. Sugg. In other words, I was the neglected party."

Dr. Sugg declared that he never had given McCullough the slightest cause for jealousy and that his only association with Mrs. McCullough was that of a physician with a neurotic patient. "Mrs. McCullough constantly called me to her home and called at my office in her semi-hysterical moods," said the physician, who is a good looking man of 28 years.

Physician Denies Charges.

"She never paid me anything on account, for there was a mutual understanding that I would let her settle the matter in her own time. That she recognized that she owed me a debt was evident from the fact that she left a

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COOS BAY LAUNCH WRECKED; 5 LOST

Skipper and Passengers Are Drowned.

GRAFT DRIFTS ON JETTY

Capsized There, It Is Swept Out to Sea by Tide.

LIFESAVERS' EFFORTS VAIN

One of Their Own Number Narrowly Escapes Drowning — Darkness Shuts Down and Hides Overturned Launch From View.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)

Five men were drowned just at dark this evening when the little gasoline launch North Star No. 1, control of which had, in some unknown manner, become lost, capsized on the Coos Bay bar. Those who perished were: Joe Yonkers, the skipper, Frank Tanner, married, Ira Albee, Con Ferris, William Brainerd, married and father of four children.

Though it is impossible to learn tonight the cause of the disaster to the little craft, it is believed by members of the lifesaving crew that the engine broke down and it was impossible for Yonkers to manage his boat in the strong current and obb tide.

The four men who, with Yonkers, went down to a watery grave were the last of a score of passengers who had taken passage from Marshfield for Empire. At the latter place late in the afternoon all but the five men went ashore, and the craft continued its journey toward South Slough, a tributary of the bay.

Launch Strikes Jetty.

Suddenly the launch's progress ceased and it started to drift. Finally it was seen to strike the jetty, where it turned over.

The lookout on the bar immediately rushed word of the disaster to the lifesavers, but it was too late to help the men in peril, and the strong current carried the North Star No. 1, still capsized, far out to sea.

The little 20-foot boat was built only for inside waters, and, therefore, had little chance on the bar, and the men aboard had little or no opportunity to save themselves.

Lifesaver Washed Overboard.

In the attempt of the lifesaving crew to get within rescue distance, one of the members of the crew was washed overboard and with difficulty was rescued.

The work of the lifesavers was, therefore, distracted from their own number, after which it was found impossible to reach the rapidly-disappearing ill-fated boat, as she grew dimmer in the oncoming darkness.

Skipper Yonkers was one of the best-known navigators on Coos Bay. Marshfield and South Slough residents who knew Yonkers well are inclined to believe that an accident happened to the machinery of the North Star No. 1, which caused her to be carried before the current.

Yonkers in Accident Two Years Ago.

It was two years ago that Yonkers had an accident in the bay when the boat he was operating sank from some unknown cause, but on that occasion he and his passengers saved themselves by swimming ashore. All the men drowned with Yonkers today lived at South Slough.

FASHION KIND TO GIRLS' \$10 GOWNS

SPOKANE GRADUATES' FROCKS ARE UP-TO-MINUTE.

Limit of Expenditure Indorsed by Class No Detraction From Charming Tailored Effects.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)

When the girl graduates of the Lewis and Clark High School adopted \$10 as the maximum price to be paid for their graduation gowns, they not only acted in a most sensible way, but in the most fashionable, according to the universal statement of the best women's tailors in the city. Fashion has decreed that the most up-to-date gowns for girls must be the most simple. White is bound to be the prevalent shade, and unless the graduation dress be white and simple, it is decidedly a back number.

"Thin, sheer goods of any kind are to be had at very low prices," said one women's tailor today. There are hundreds of kinds, but the most popular are organdies, white Swisses, polka dot Swisses and dimities.

"Seven or eight yards of cloth will make a dress for most girls." The Lewis and Clark High School students will hold their graduation exercises on January 31. The girl students will dress in plain white dresses costing not to exceed the sum of \$10.

FARE TO NORTHWEST, \$25

Union Pacific Announces March-April Colonist Rates.

OMAHA, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Union Pacific Railroad today announced a resumption of its low colonist rates to the Northwest, effective for six weeks of March and April, during which time the fare from the Missouri River to all Oregon and Washington points will be \$25.

Each day of the colonist rates a through train of tourist sleeping-cars, with special dining-car service and greatly reducing dining-car prices, will be run through from Omaha to Portland.

DAILY MRS. BELMONT'S AIM

Newspaper Will Be Managed by and Devoted to Women.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont said today she was planning to start a daily newspaper to be managed by women and devoted entirely to their interests. She said that women did not have a fair representation in the news of the day and thought the time was ripe for women to come to the front editorially.

Mrs. Belmont's ideal, she announced, "would be a paper which is not bound by any financial, political or social obligation to suppress one bit of news or to alter its tone."

BUTTER PRIZE OF THIEVES

Gangs Steal Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Valuable Product.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The high price to which butter has soared has made it the prize loot of city thieves.

It developed today that gangs of clever operatives have stolen thousands of dollars' worth of the commodity in the last few weeks, a load valued at \$1900 having been taken in one instance in daylight from a truck in the wholesale district.

BILLIARD TOUCH VALUABLE

Verdict of \$6000 Awarded Player for Injury to Nervous System.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—For the loss of his billiard touch, Charles Peterson, a local professional, was given a verdict of \$6000 by a jury here today.

He was thrown out of an automobile when a streetcar ran into the machine and he sued the streetcar company for \$25,000, alleging his nervous system was injured.

GIRL GAVE CRY AND DIED, SISTER TELLS

Treatment by Dr. Hazzard Explained.

TALE OF LAST KISS TOLD

Dying Woman Led to Believe Kin Is Insane.

EX-ARMY MAN TAKES CASH

Husband of "Starvation Cure" Specialist, "Dr." Hazzard, Admits Williamson Maids Turned Over Power of Attorney.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 20.—"Mrs. Hazzard said, 'Would you like a treatment, Claire,' and putting her hand on my sister's abdomen, she pressed down hard. Claire gave a cry and became unconscious, I said: 'Is it all over?' and Mrs. Hazzard replied 'Yes.'"

Thus Miss Dorothea Williamson told a jury in the Kitsap County Superior Court at Port Orchard today of the last time she saw alive her sister Claire, the wealthy English spinster whom Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard is accused of murdering at her "starvation sanitarium."

Miss Williamson said that she returned at once to her room, which was beneath that occupied by her sister. She heard people walking about the room all night, and wondered what they were doing.

Sister Told of Death.

"I didn't know that Claire was still alive, but was told later that she did not die until 4 o'clock in the morning of Friday, May 19, several hours after they led me from the death bed," she said.

In a simple, straightforward manner that apparently impressed the jury deeply, Miss Williamson recounted the events of the night her sister died.

While at the Olalia Sanitarium Dora said she saw Claire several times. Once she saw her body and said the girl's chest was all mottled with purple patches like freckles and that the veins stood out in Claire's hands. Both girls still kept on thinking they were getting well, as they were getting rid of the "poisons" in their bodies.

Food Nothing but Broth.

Their food, or Dora's, as she testified, consisted of the usual broth, which now had six tips of asparagus in it. Here the state began its similarity of proof in its attempt to prove that Mrs. Hazzard had deprived the girls "of and kept from them food necessary to sustain life." Dora said she often asked for ham, biscuits, honey and other things and though she was led to believe that she would get them the next day, they never came.

"Once I was given a few inferior raisins, but for a fortnight I had nothing but asparagus, and sometimes this was so stringy I could not eat it. I just felt destitute for food. I used to wake in the morning, and the first thing I would think about would be what I was to get to eat."

Because their relatives might give them food, Dora said Mrs. Hazzard would not let them notify their relatives where they were, but insisted that they must go on with the fast, "until our tongues became clean." In the meantime, the prolonged anemias were continued. It is to be alleged by the defense's witnesses that Dorothea (or Dora) often had fits of mental aberration in her early life. Along this line the state deduced the following testimony from Dora:

"Mrs. Hazzard told me I was maniacal." (Concluded on Page 7.)

CARTOONIST REYNOLDS TAKES A FLING AT SOME POLITICAL TOPICS OF THE DAY.

