

CASHIER'S GUILTY; BROKERS INDICTED

Men With Whom Bank Official Dealt Accused of Abetting His Thefts.

CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

Federal Grand Jury Declares Baker Was Known as "Good Thing" and Was Exploited by Those Who Knew His Situation.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Charles F. Baker, ex-assistant cashier of the Crocker National Bank, pleaded guilty to embezzlement today on 40 counts, in amounts not specified in the indictment. Experts are still working on the broken and shoddy safe which is estimated at approximately \$200,000.

Baker requested a few days to wind up his affairs and Judge Van Fleet in the United States District Court, deferred sentence until Monday, April 21. While Baker was pleading guilty the federal grand jury handed down three indictments against brokers with whom Baker had speculated under a false name.

United States Attorney McNab said the indictments were the first of their kind in the history of the federal courts. They named J. C. Wilson, a member of the New York Stock Exchange; B. A. Wilson; G. C. Wilson & Co.; and Peter P. Burke, of Logan & Bryan, brokers, all of whom are charged with conspiracy to abstract the funds of a National Depository. Bail was fixed at \$10,000 each.

The indictment charges the brokers with aiding and abetting and inducing Baker to abet the thefts of the Crocker National Bank and to misapply deposits, with which he speculated under the name of George B. Baker, in wheat, corn, cotton, pork and other commodities, in New York and Chicago markets.

Peter P. Burke was floor manager for J. C. Wilson & Co., who dealt in New York through Harris, Wathrop & Co., brokers, there. Burke is described as "Baker's evil genius," with a command over him which seemed insuperable.

Brokers knew that Burke had a "good thing" in Baker, the indictment charges, and on the strength of his influence over so profitable a customer, he left E. F. Hutton & Co., bankers and brokers, to go with J. C. Wilson & Co., an increased salary amounting to \$275 a month.

GERMANY'S WAR CHEST

Little Known of the \$30,000,000 Kept at Spandau Tower.

London Standard. The report from Berlin that the German government in the course of its new war program plans to triple the amount of its war chest is being taken away in the famous Julius Tower at Spandau has caused a revival of the speculation regarding this great secret store of money.

More or less mystery has always surrounded the Julius Tower. The mention in Berlin that the imperial military reserves fund of six millions sterling is kept in the Julius-Thurm of the citadel has excited the curiosity of most every foreign visitor in the German capital. But sightseers are not welcome within its walls, and there is a record of but one American who ever caught a glimpse of the interior of the tower.

An officer of the German reserve, who at one time was stationed in the fortress of Spandau, but who is now living in this country, told yesterday something about the tower and the treasure it holds.

The tower itself is not impressive. It stands in the midst of the citadel surrounded by barracks, offices, quarters, and is not far from the great arsenals and the manufactories of war implements. Directly about it is a small clearing, the width of which is just enough room for the movements of the small company which does guard duty there.

The tower is built of brick and is cylindrical in form. It is 120 feet high, with nothing to relieve its massive effect. It rises about 35 or 40 feet from the ground and is almost as thick through as it is high.

Entrance to the tower is made through triple steel doors, each guarded by a system of "simultaneous keys" that by different individuals are constantly changing band of sentries. One set of keys is with the Chancellor of the empire and the other with the president of the committee for the debts of the empire. The local guardian of the treasure was made curator by a decree of 1874, under orders from the Chancellor.

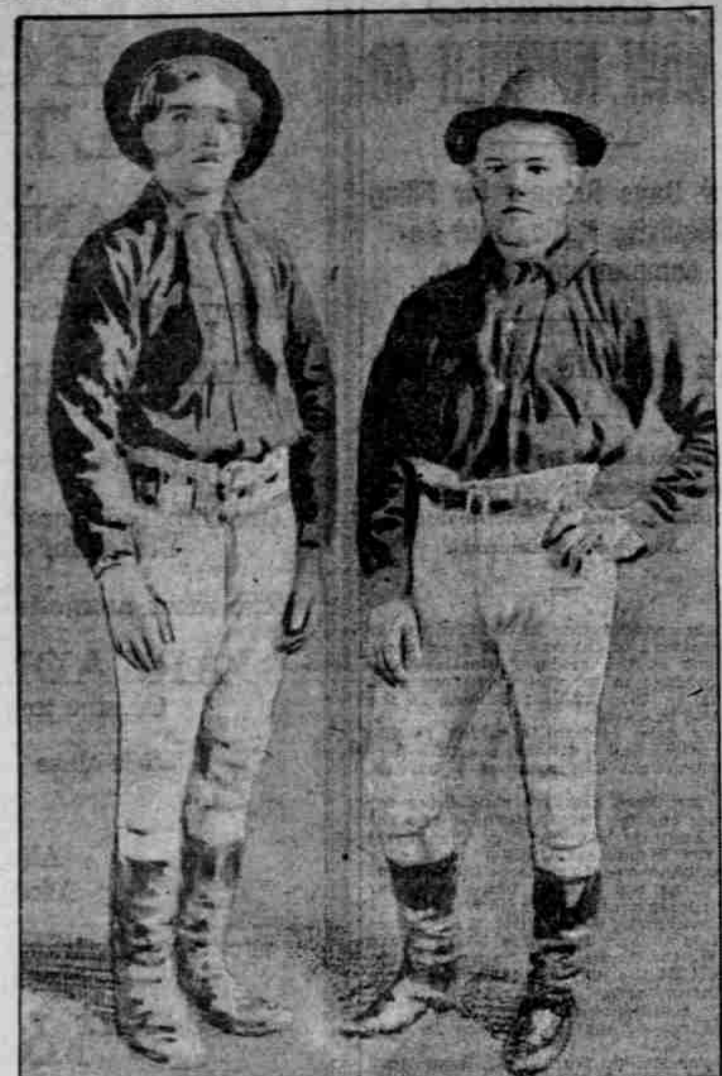
The gold that makes up this "Reichs-kriegsschatz" is in 30-franc pieces, the very same that were paid as the French war indemnity. The gold coins are stored away in iron cabinets or safes built into the walls. These are on various levels and are reached by a spiral staircase.

Twenty-four men usually compose the guard. Of these eight are continually on duty, the guard changing every two hours. The patrol is made about the base of the tower, within the tower and on the top.

Once a year the amount of the gold is certified to by an official reckoning. The coins are not counted, instead the gold is weighed in bulk and minute fractional differences due to dampness and other atmospheric conditions are noted.

The amount of gold in the Julius Tower has never varied, and there has been but one attempt at robbery. This was by a drunken cobbler of Spandau, who in some mysterious way, according to the story, managed to get by the guards. When he was half way up he fell and broke his neck. Robert W. Peindexter, of Los Angeles, the American who got into trouble with the Spandau authorities because he got too near the German treasure.

AUSTRALIANS WILL COMPETE AT PENDLETON ROUND-UP



"QUEENSLAND HARRY" AND "DICK SHURTHORPE."

PENDLETON, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The Roundup this year will be held September 11, 12 and 13, and even now preparations are well under way to make the frontier show better than ever.

That the fame of the Roundup has traveled to foreign lands, and there kindled the desire of two of the most daring and skilled bucking horse riders in the world, is evidenced by a message lately received here that "Queensland Harry" and "Dick Shurthorpe" will sail in June for America, determined to try their luck with Western cowboys in the thrilling events at the big show.

The two buckaroos are the champion bucking horse riders of Australia, and that their ability in stunts is extraordinary is evidenced by the fact that they are not allowed to ride in an English flat saddle without chaps.

SENIORS PLANT TREES

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OBSERVES ARBOR DAY. Members of Class Set Up Boulder to Commemorate "Flunk Day" in Annals of College.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 12.—(Special.)—Friday afternoon was given over to the seniors of Oregon Agricultural College for the purpose of planting the trees which are their gift to the college. The trees were planted around the quadrangle of the campus fronting the Agricultural building.

One particular tree was selected as the class tree, and so designated by an appropriate inscription plate. To add a touch of tradition and to make the shade of this one particular tree more attractive to members of the class, a large boulder which marked the scene of a memorable "Flunk Day" scrap pulled off unexpectedly in the footballs last Spring, was transferred to the campus and will be inscribed on commencement day.

Professor Peck, instructor in landscape gardening, was assisted by Walt Dutton and Guy Cronmiller in superintending the work, and lunch was under the supervision of Miss Anna Johnson, a senior in the department of domestic science.

ORENCO HAS CLEAN UP DAY

School Children and Citizens Make Much of Arbor Date.

ORENCO, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Arbor day was observed by nearly every citizen of Orenco, whether old or young, in generally cleaning up the town, planting trees or cleaning up the park. Professor Wann and the school children, with the assistance of a number of grown-ups, took charge of the park, cleaning away underbrush and leaves. This park adjoins the school and has trees of native growth. The entire school force appeared at 9 A. M. with rakes, axes and saws. Brush was gathered and burned, all fallen trees were cut up and hauled away.

TWO MEMBERS OF PIONEER POLK COUNTY FAMILY DIE WITHIN SHORT SPACE OF TIME

Ballard Preston Tarter and Henry Tarter.



Within less than a month two members of a pioneer Polk County family—Ballard Preston Tarter and his nephew, Henry Tarter—died recently. Ballard Preston Tarter was born in Virginia June 29, 1842. He came to Polk County, Oregon, in August, 1874, and resided at Airite at the time of his death, March 28, at the age of 71 years. Mr. Tarter was one of a family of 15 children. His father, Robert Tarter, was one of the pioneers of Polk County. He contracted pneumonia during the cold spell of early March and died in the Dallas hospital. He was buried in the family plot near Airite March 27, and died in the Dallas hospital February 16, 1913, of pneumonia. He was a son of Robert Tarter, a pioneer of Polk County. He lived the greater portion of his life on the old homestead, a mile from the present town of Airite. He was survived by a wife, four children, three brothers and three sisters: Professor N. Tarter, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Robert and Burr Tarter, both of Airite, and three sisters, Mrs. V. A. Williams, of The Dalles; Mrs. C. E. Starte, of Airite, and Mrs. Laura Wiseman, of Walla Walla. He was buried in the family cemetery near Airite.

D. V. Palling, a nephew, conducted the funeral services of both men.

THE DALLES WAR ON

Ministers Back Petitions Affecting Sunday Closing.

WOMEN TO FIGHT FLIES

City Council Tomorrow Will Be Stormed by Church Folk All of One Mind—Sorens Club Determined in Fly Campaign.

THE DALLES, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—A stormy session of the City Council is expected Monday evening, when the pastors of the United Brethren, Methodist, Christian and Baptist churches, who have just closed a series of union revival meetings, will present petitions asking the Council to close theaters, picture shows and pool and billiard rooms in the Dalles on Sunday, and compel the saloonkeepers to change the fronts of their places of business so that the whole interior may be seen by a person passing on the sidewalk. The advocates of the new movement will pack the Council chambers to capacity Monday night and many spirited talks are scheduled for the session.

The petition concerning the saloons contends that screens, painted with dove, etc., conceal the saloons inside the place where liquor is sold, and that much evil results from minors securing admission due to the fronts of saloons being unimpeachable to the eye. It asks for regulation requiring a saloon to have but one room, with no chairs, tables, benches or other furniture of the kind. It would also make it unlawful for pool or billiard tables to be in the saloons and would not allow any game of chance, either with cards or dice.

The Council will also have to consider important recommendations which have been made by the Sorens Club, the largest women's organization of this city and a member of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The Sorens members state that "they will not accept of a concrete one if possible and tight board ones if not) and screened with fly-proof wire. These, with the enforcing of the ordinance requiring the removal to be removed every 15 hours, would destroy the main breeding places of the flies.

We would also recommend concrete floors in the saloons, and that the floors be covered with a material that is easily cleaned. The Sorens Club also recommends that garbage from hotels, restaurants, markets and dwellings be placed in fly-proof tightly-covered trash cans, the same to be emptied regularly twice a week. The women also request an ordinance requiring the covering of all meats being hauled to the markets, also the covering with wire screens or glass cases of all food delivered from the market counters, and wrapping in paraffine paper or some dust-proof paper or covering all bread delivered from the bakeries, and the covering of the office of food inspector is likewise urged.

Former Has Relation to Ancient Hindoo Custom. London Cor. A parallel between the dharna-bathana, the ancient Hindu rite, and the hunger strike of English suffragettes is drawn by Sir George Birdwood. He says: "Dharna-bathana is not only an ancient Hindu rite, now almost obsolete in India, but one of universal application in the modern world. It is practiced on time or another throughout the Old World. Job xxiii, 12-15, is probably an obscure allusion to it; and Genesis xxii, 12 is the story of Abraham and St. Patrick himself sat in dharna against King Leogaire until the latter embraced Christianity, the King himself fasting simultaneously with St. Patrick, as if the two were following the regular Hindu ritual of the rite.

"There are several Hindu forms of the rite, the most practical being the dharna, or violent suicide by poison or a dagger. "All were, however, naturally dying out long before the enactments of the British Parliament against it. But Englishmen never understood the rite and similar Hindu rites, never having even to this day recognized that they are the strongest and deepest instincts of humanity and controllable only by being ritualized, until, with the inevitable loss of solemnity of the people, they silently pass out of their lives. "So it is with the 'hunger strike' of our suffragettes. They are acting on a natural instinct, taking a perfectly fair advantage of it. "No mere man—judge, juror or jailer—can allow these women to starve themselves to death. It is not a matter of blood but of will. 'Let them die' but in cold blood it is unthinkable to suffer them to perish thus in the Bombay I was once set against in dharna by over 200 women. Who, like the Arab men, while I was working in the Persian Gulf, all wanted none. "At last, when I began to feel a little alarmed about it all, I for the first time addressed them: 'I have by my silence only been trying to get you and now you can go to bed, sure that those of you who deserve sons will be blessed with sons and that those who do not deserve sons will not be blessed with sons.' "They all went off home quite happy and in due course I was overwhelmed with trays of flowers and fruits and sweetmeats and two or three model swinging cradles wrought in silver with a rose bud in each. "Possibly the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Harcourt may find some suggestions in this of a way out of their own entanglements with the militant suffragettes. Those who do not want to serve shall have votes, those who don't—won't."

HUNGER STRIKE OLD RITE

Application is Held Up. Norwegian Sailor Ignorant of I. W. W. but Attended Meetings.

SEATTLE, April 12.—Applicants for citizenship before United States District Judge Cushman today were asked whether they belonged to or were in sympathy with the Industrial Workers of the World.

Ole Anderson, a Norwegian sailor, displayed an intimate knowledge of the organization, but declared that he was in sympathy with it. Witnesses testified that they had seen him at Industrial Workers of the World meetings. At the request of Chief Naturalization Examiner John Speed Smith, the application was held up for a month.

Anderson said he believed in private ownership of property, but would make some changes in the American form of government. All the other candidates were emphatic in disavowing sympathy with the Industrial Workers of the World.

"Lorna Doone's" Popularity.

Richard Blackmore's romance, "Lorna Doone," was by no means a success on its first publication. The public gave it but grudging approval and, like many another good novel, it might have hovered on the verge of oblivion but for the opportune marriage of the Marquis of Lorne. Then, for the first time, did the initial word of the book's title, "Lorna," catch the eye of the British public, who, imagining that it must have reference to the Queen's new son-in-law, rushed to get a copy, which, if it made no reference to the Argyll family, afforded in its charming Devonshire story ample compensation to its purchasers.

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PLAIN GIRL HAS HER DAY

Scientific Management Puts a Ban on Beauties.

Boston Herald. Pretty girls are no longer eligible to office positions in the Boston business world. The beauty may be a rapid stenographer or an efficient bookkeeper, but she cannot get a job in up-to-date commercial establishments. Her plainer sister is given the preference.

This is not the result of a secret society of wives dedicated to the green-eyed dragon. It all comes from the natural incompatibility of Daniel Arrow-Bauser and the octopus Scientific Management.

Organization is so finely developed that stop watches virtually govern the typing of steno letters and the taking of trial balance. Miss Pretty girl may have the single purpose of giving her whole thought to her work. Dan Arrow-Bauser on her desk and consciously or unconsciously she pays him homage.

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