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GOOD TIMES ARE A COMIN'

Reports From All Parts of the Country Indicate Panic Has Passed.

SEES A BRIGHT FUTURE
Montana Millionaire Says Financial Situation Is Clearing Rapidly.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 9.—In an interview Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, who was here in connection with his railroad interests said:

"I am sure the financial situation is clearing very fast. I received a letter today from the vice-president of one of the largest banks in New York, saying he had just returned from a trip to Chicago, where he met the clearing house members of that city, and also bankers from St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Paul. All these bankers agreed that the worst was over and the cash payments could be inaugurated very soon without trouble.

"The total reduction in the output of copper is so large that six months ought to see the surplus eliminated entirely, when that is done, I expect to see copper go back to about 16 cents a pound, and that is enough. At that figure consumption is possible on a large scale and while it will not permit all the mines to resume on the old basis, it will still furnish employment for a large proportion of the men who have been thrown out of employment by the recent slump."

NEW ENGLAND ON UP GRADE.

Business Depression Disappearing in Many Sections of Atlantic Coast.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Signs of recovery from business depression, which started several weeks ago, are being felt in all parts of New England by the resuming of operations in the mills, which were shut down or which shortened their workday, and in the lessened number of curtailments and closings.

The Saranac Globe Company, of Littleton, N. H., after a shut down of two weeks, resumed operations today, and the Quinapoint Mills, at that place, also started up on full time after a ten days' shut down.

The management of the Whitney Box Company, of Leomington, report a larger number of orders than for some months, but have had to lay off a few men because of shortage in stocks.

The Isaac-Prouty Shoe Factories, employing 1500 hands, are expected to be operating again on full time next week.

HARRIMAN SEES DAWN OF PROSPEROUS ERA

Railway Magnate Says We Are on the Road to Good Times and No Turning Backward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—That the country is already beginning to recover from the severe shock received in the recent panic is the opinion of E. H. Harriman, as expressed in an interview published here. He said:

"We are in the rebound from depression and we are in it to stay. There will be no falling back. Each step that we are taking is firm. Underneath the whole situation there is industrial stability. There is too much work to be done and too great capacity for doing it to allow a long-drawn-out depression. There are indications everywhere that confidence is being restored. The country is too big and the people too sensible to allow the acts of a few men to shake their faith in the integrity of our great financiers and business men as a whole. Naturally, there was a little scare at first, but with spots only here and there, they quickly recovered from their fright. "The dawn of a new era of pros-

ENJOYS BEAR STEAK AT THE BLANCO HOTEL

"Buckshot" Gets Off Practical Joke On Wife of "Bud" Holland.

Bear steak was the savory dish supplied to a party of three in the dining room of the Blanco Hotel last night and thereby aroused considerable interest. It was not because the rest of the boarders were left out in the cold that this feature at dinner last night aroused so much attention. It was because one of the party ate bear meat, who had never tried it before.

"Bud" Holland, the cheerful dispenser of beverages in the hotel bar, and his other half, Mrs. Holland, had for a long time differed on the relative qualities of bear steak and steak of the ordinary kind. Mrs. Holland had declared on numerous occasions that she would never eat bear meat, and her opinion of those who could eat it was not very high. Yesterday morning "Buckshot," the man who drives the Blanco bus to meet the trains, noticed a young bear lying on the docks which was being shipped to market. He quickly notified Mr. Holland of the fact and early in the evening invited both Mr. and Mrs. Holland to have dinner at the Blanco with him.

A specially ordered meal was brought in and three large, luscious steaks occupied a conspicuous place on the hospitable board. All three had excellent appetites and the way that steak disappeared was worth watching. As a matter of fact there were quite a number of those in the secret watching proceedings.

When there was no more bear steak left, Mrs. Holland was informed of what she had partaken, amid much hilarity and on the part of "Buckshot," and nervousness on the part of "Bud."

CLUB ELECTS ITS DIRECTORS

Millicoma Elects Officers Tomorrow and Enters New Quarters First of Year.

There was a lively meeting of the Millicoma Club members last night in the present quarters of the organization at which a board of directors was elected. Dr. C. W. Tower, James H. Flanagan, J. A. Matson, J. W. Flanagan and Walter McFarland were the men named and an election of officers for the ensuing year will be held in the club rooms tomorrow afternoon.

The club has secured incorporation papers and the sum of about \$5,000 subscribed for the handsome new quarters has been practically all collected. Everything is being lined up for the club to go into its new quarters in the top floor of the Lockhart building which are in the last stages of completion.

Arrangements are being made for the furniture which will be installed within the next few weeks. Most of the woodwork will be fumed oak and will give the club rooms an exceedingly handsome appearance. There will be a big auditorium, two card rooms, a buffet, billiard rooms, two reading rooms, secretary's office, kitchen, dining room and various other compartments in the club which will be fitted up on the most modern plan and with a view to the greatest comfort and convenience for the club members.

There will be a ladies' cloak room and parlor to be used by them on various evenings in the month set aside for ladies' night, which will be an important feature of the organization. Everything has been planned to have the club a perfect place for sociability and the cementing of the bond of friendship and good feeling among the members.

The opening night will be celebrated with a smoker and dinner, combined with a number of events on the program expected to contribute to the enjoyment of the commencement of the club's career in its new home.

AN UNUSUAL PARTNERSHIP

Minneapolis Man Distrusts Fellows and Makes Agreement With Lord.

HAS PROVEN PROFITABLE

Faithfully Lives Up to His Word and Keeps Accounts Carefully.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 10.—H. O. Roberts, a hardware merchant at No. 103 Western Ave., was distrustful of his fellow-men as business partners, so he drew up an agreement with the Lord. This was in May 1893. The inscription he wrote on the flyleaf of his ledger of each succeeding year was this:

"I promise as the Lord shall prosper me, I will act as His steward and give to Him as follows: If I make \$1,000 annually, \$100; \$1,500, \$250; \$2,000, \$400; \$2,500, \$625; \$3,000, \$1,000; \$5,000, \$2,500."

Roberts claims that he has prospered by carrying out his agreement until he has reached the last mentioned figures. He says he has no desire to go back to his old method of doing business before he made the agreement and, in fact, would be afraid to do so, for he is certain that his present business would never have grown to its present proportions if he had continued along the old lines.

Mr. Roberts holds that the Lord needs not only preachers and missionaries to help Him carry out His work, but that He needs practical business men as well.

"I take an invoice the first of each year," said Mr. Roberts, "and I balance accounts with the Lord, keeping His account separate. I sometimes find it necessary to borrow His money, a small portion of it, but I always replace it with interest, just as I would do were I dealing with a Nicollet avenue man.

"I would have been by the first of the year able to give one-half of my income, \$2,500, as I agreed, had not recent misfortune overtaken me. I made two trips to California for the benefit of my wife's health. She died last year.

"The only other misfortune I had was during the panic of '93. Other business men lost their all, but I told the Lord that half of my business was His, and although I went broke I did not complain. I began to prosper again right away. Things came my way that I never dreamed about."

BANK RECEIVES STRONG SAFE FOR NEW BUILDING

Manganese Model Defies Fire and Nitro-Glycerine Explosion

The Flanagan & Bennett Bank of Marshfield, has received a 7,000 pound Manganese fire and burglar proof safe which has been installed in the firm's present quarters until the new bank building is ready for occupation. The safe is the third of the kind in the country and the largest Manganese money holding machine in this section of the state. In the new building it will be placed inside the big vault, making it utterly unapproachable either by fire or thieves.

This safe is being used to a large extent by banks built on a modern plan, and appears to be impervious to the force of any explosive. Mr. Flanagan was present at a test made in Salem recently by an agent for this style of safe. He says that three and a half ounces of nitro-glycerine were exploded on the top of it without effecting it in the least. A much larger charge was placed at the outside of the opening of the safe and blew it 183 feet away from where it stood without affecting the structure, except to tighten the opening.

Cashier Supplies will have charge of the branch bank of this firm which opens in Myrtle Point.

BREAKWATER IS NOT TO SAIL TILL SATURDAY

Change Made In Date of Sailing Because of Repairs To Be Finished.

Word was received this morning by local agent McCollum that the departure of the steamship Breakwater will be delayed next Saturday evening, as the repairs to her hull have taken more time than was counted upon at first notice. Consequently she will arrive here about Monday next, about the same time as the Alliance, which Agent Shaw has been advised will also leave Portland on Saturday night.

It is reported that Captain McGin has resigned command of the Breakwater owing to misunderstandings of unknown portent, and that when the boat arrives here on her next trip she will have a new commander. Regarding this report Mr. McCollum states that he has received no information.

NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

Important Events Boiled Down for Times Readers.

NEW IS CHAIRMAN—Washington—Harry New, of Indiana, was elected chairman of the Republican national committee.

WAITERS STRIKE—Seattle, Wn.—The union waiters walked out of every restaurant and hotel on account of the restaurant keepers trying to enforce the seven-day per week schedule.

TAFT SAILS—Berlin.—American Ambassador Tower will tender a formal dinner to Secretary Taft. The secretary leaves Saturday for Hamburg, whence he sails for New York. He expects to reach New York on December 15.

BANK CLOSES—Kansas City. The National Bank of Commerce closed its doors following the call for a statement of all the national banks by the controller. Deposits are \$16,000,000. The officials declare they will pay out. A receiver will be appointed.

BANK CLOSES—Pittsburg, Pa.—The Fort Pitt National bank failed to open its doors today. A bank examiner is in charge. The bank's capital is \$1,000,000 and its deposits approximate \$4,000,000. None of the other banks of the city are experiencing any trouble.

CALHOUN ON TRIAL—San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, on the charge of offering a bribe to former Supervisor Thomas Lonergran, was commenced this morning. A special venire of 110 talesmen were in court.

CIRCUS MAN SUICIDES—Santa Cruz, Cal.—Andrew Norris, founder of the Norris & Rowe circus, shot and killed himself yesterday afternoon at the home of his brother, C. I. Norris. Norris has been despondent for some time. He was 44 years of age and a native of Ohio.

WIND IN THE BOILER INSTEAD OF THE SAILS

Engine for New Port Orford-Coos Bay Boat Rejected—Will Delay Operation.

John R. Miller has rejected the engine in his new boat which was intended to be used between Coos Bay and Port Orford. The reason for its rejection was that before the blasted thing would start 150 pounds of air pressure had to be secured; he was unable to secure an engineer able to produce the proper amount of air, either hot or sulphuric. Mr. Miller has sold his Port Orford store to Ames Johnston, county superintendent.—Wedderburn Radium.

There are more hunchbacks in Spain than anywhere else.

KLAMATH FALLS—J. Monserrat, the owner of a large stock farm in the Hawaiian Islands, has just purchased a herd of 22 Hereford bulls from J. Frank Adams, of near Merrill.

FOUR HUNDRED ARE DEAD IN A VIRGINIA COAL MINE

Awful Scenes as Hundreds of Corpses Are Carried from Death Pit—Women Throw Themselves Weeping on Ground in Grief

DIES FROM EFFECTS OF POISONED ROOT

Sad End To Play of Little Dale Menegat of Ten Mile Country.

Dale Wesley Menegat, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Menegat, a rancher of Ten Mile, was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery this afternoon, the remains being followed to their last resting place by friends and relatives of the family.

The little boy was playing with some companions on the bank of the lake last week and pulled what is known as "wild parsnip" and ate some of the root, which is poisonous. Dr. Gale, of North Bend, was called to attend him, but arrived too late to save him, the boy passing away on Sunday last. The parents desire to thank those who sympathized with them in their bereavement.

EXPECT STORM FOR TONIGHT

Weather Man at Portland Sends Word of Bad Coast Storm.

A telegram was received this morning by S. F. Dow from the weather man at Portland stating that a severe storm started in from the southeast up through the Puget Sound ports at 7:30 o'clock. The affected area reaches from Marshfield to Vancouver Island and the wind is blowing at a high rate of speed, accompanied by rains.

The weather prophet clearly states that the wind will shift to the southwest this evening or tonight and there will be a heavy blow along the coast. Consequently storm signals are out to warn all vessels in coast ports that they are taking big risks in attempting to go to sea. It is not thought the storm will have any effect on the steamship service between Portland and Marshfield, or between here and San Francisco, as the boats do not leave either port for this point until Wednesday.

The steamship Plant will leave San Francisco on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m., and will arrive here on Friday.

The Alliance will leave Portland next Saturday night for Coos Bay, as repairs to her damaged stern will occupy the rest of the week.

The Breakwater will leave Portland for this point on Saturday night and is expected to arrive here on Friday next.

QUITS MILLION SALARY

John H. Hammond Resigns Highest Salary in the World to be Own Employer.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 10.—John Hayes Hammond, greatest of mining experts and highest salaried man in the world, will quit his \$1,000,000 a year job January 1.

According to Hammond, who is here with his family for the winter, he will sever his connections with the Guggenheims at the beginning of the new year. Thereafter he will develop his own interests.

Johnnie and Feneatta Fenoglio, of Beaver Hill, received sad news today about their father's death, which occurred at Collins, Washington.

MINE DISASTER—Fairmont, Va.

—An explosion in mines Nos. 6 and 7 of the Fairmont Coal Co., at Monongah. It is said that 600 men were in the mines at the time of the explosion. Three bodies had been recovered up to noon. General Manager Malone says the accident is the worst in the history of mining in America if the death list equals his fears. Foul air is checking the work of the rescuers, but the fans are expected to soon clear the atmosphere. Malone declares that it is impossible that any of the men in the mines escaped injury or death. The shock of the explosion was felt ten miles away. The bodies recovered are unrecognizable.

MONONGAH, W. Va., Dec. 10—

With unabated energy, five rescuing parties working from every possible point to enter and explore mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal company, a subsidiary of the Consolidation Coal company, of Baltimore, where a terrific explosion of black damp occurred, are putting forth every effort to reach the 315 men whom they have every reason to believe are still in the mine, dead or alive, although there is scarcely a hope entertained that a single one of the 400 or more men who went into the mine has survived the terrific explosion and the poisonous gas with which the mine filled immediately after the death-dealing crash.

Eighty-five bodies have so far been brought to the surface and a dozen undertakers from this and surrounding towns, who were on duty all night, by daylight had these bodies washed and made as presentable as possible in an unprovided morgue, into which one of the mine buildings had been converted. With the dawn of day there began a heart-rending march up and down the aisles along which these bodies have been laid, by sobbing wives and mothers and sweethearts, orphaned children and strong men, each seeking a near relative or beloved friend.

There are between 5000 and 6000 inhabitants of the mining town of Monongah, and it is believed that in this entire population there is not a score of persons who have not either a near relative or a close friend numbered among the victims of the disaster. The people of the town are stunned by the catastrophe. They have long regarded these mines as practically immune from the dangers so common to the coal mining industry. The plant of the company was provided with every device for the protection of life and the equipment was considered the most modern and complete outfit used in the production of bituminous coal.

Last night hundreds of men stood about the entrance of the two mines. They said nothing, but when approached and asked a question they would give away to their emotions and often give way to tears.

During the night few women were to be seen, but all day yesterday the women were the chief actors in most pathetic and heart rending scenes. They crowded the sides of the hills overlooking the afflicted mines and cried aloud. As the day advanced they became almost crazed through grief and suspense.

One woman pulled out her hair, handfuls at a time, another tore all the skin from both her cheeks with her finger nails. Some lay down on the frozen ground and cried themselves to sleep. In this condition many were carried to their homes nearby without awakening.

PRESIDENT MEANS NO—Washington—

Repeating to the third term speech delivered by Samuel W. McKim at Lewiston, Pennsylvania. President Roosevelt stated that he cannot serve beyond the present term.