

## New York News Letter

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—By the first of next May more than 3500 trains will enter New York daily, and the 25,000 cars of which they will be composed would if placed in a single train reach a length of nearly four hundred miles. These figures indicate the tremendous possibilities of the new era of transportation in this city, generally referred to as the "tunnel era." One thousand trains will enter the city under the Hudson River every day, and something like twice this number by various other subways and tubes. Every thirty seconds will mark the arrival of a train and passengers can be poured into the city at the rate of 60,000 an hour or a million and a half a day. Of course all this will necessitate the most remarkable terminals ever conceived, and as a result the city will have tremendous clearing houses. The intercommunication of various systems and the possibility of going almost anywhere without reaching the surface of the ground will make possible a wonderfully complicated sorting system for trains and passengers. Just how many hundreds of millions the final completion of all these plans will call for can only be guessed. But it is known that the cost will be greater than that of the Panama Canal. Engineers think that by the year 1920 the whole thing should be finished and predict that by that time ferryboats will have entirely disappeared from rivers and surface cars from the city streets. But long before then it will be possible to ride from California to Montauk Point without once changing cars.

nounced that his place was open for business again, that he had thrown away the key and that it never would be closed until his death. The other sightseeing place that has been restored is Steve Brodie's saloon, which passed into eclipse after the bridge jumper's death, but which is again the Mecca of rubberneck wagons and their passengers.

Although the open season for flies is almost at an end, it is announced that the campaign against this household pest which has been waged by the Merchants' Association of this city under the direction of Edward Hatch, Jr., is not to be discontinued. The scientist employed by the Association is now summarizing the results of his observations during the summer. These show that the height of the fly season was reached in July and that the periods when the greatest number of deaths from diarrhoea diseases occurred corresponded closely with the times when the largest number of flies were captured at the fly-catching station maintained by the Association, a pretty good indication that the flies were responsible for most of the trouble. Incidentally the examination of eighteen specimens of what are described as "swill-barrel flies" disclosed the fact that they carried the tidy number of 118,800,000 bacteria, or over 6,000,000 to each fly.

## WHOLESALE CORRUPTION LAID BARE

**Chinese, Mexicans and Americans Alleged To Have Been Instrumental in Corrupting Officials Who Have Been Dismissed From Service.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The Chronicle to-day publishes a statement to the effect that the recent changes in the immigration department in this state were the result of an investigation which disclosed corruption in the service along the Mexican border, by which hundreds of Chinese have gained illegal entrance to the United States during the past two years. The details of the plot, which is alleged to involve Chinese and Mexican residents of Mexico and Southern California as well as Americans holding official positions is said to be reported by one of the government agents who discovered the existence of the smuggling ring. It is said too that the prices paid were \$275 for delivering a Chinaman at Los Angeles or \$500 for landing him unmolested in New York. William L. Waller, who was discharged after acting as an inspector of immigration at Los Angeles eighteen months ago, is said to have first acquainted the authorities at Washington with the suspicious circumstances that resulted in the visit of Prof. Jenks of Cornell University. Later the department of commerce and labor sent B. I. Garland of Washington to continue the investigation and his reports are said to have induced a visit from Commissioner Wheeler and Solicitor Harrison Nesbit. In San Diego and Los Angeles it is declared the representatives of the department found proof of the accusations made by earlier investigators.

During all this time, it is affirmed, small bands of Chinese, in box cars and on county roads, were being arrested and deported. It is now asserted that many of these were laborers from Mexico, who were desirous of being returned to China without expense to themselves. It is alleged, according to the story made public today that on one occasion one of the government investigators was approached by an American who believed him to be in the smuggling ring who proposed that the illicit traffic be made easier by landing Chinese at night on an island off the Southern California coast. According to the accusation the immigrants could pose as fishermen in the day time and at night they could be instructed in such rudimentary English and geography as would enable them to travel after being landed in the United States. The Chronicle's informant has disclosed the names of Chinese, Mexicans and Americans alleged to have conspired in the ring. It is said the government, after securing sufficient evidence to warrant summary action, chose to dismiss for incompetency a number of the immigrant officers on the border rather than begin criminal prosecutions.

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## FINANCIAL. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

### First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, September 23, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$465,686.12
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,517.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	40,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,200.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	55,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	78,390.32
Due from State Banks and Bankers	13,225.16
Due from approved reserve agents	177,732.16
Checks and other cash items	426.78
Notes of other National Banks	1,495.00
Nickels and cents	317.25
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$203,000.00
Legal-tender notes	715.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	350.00
Total	\$1,043,485.43

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,058.94
National Bank notes outstanding	40,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	981.02
Individual deposits subject to check	\$682,707.70
Demand certificates of deposit	169,477.09
Certified Checks	260.68
Total	\$1,043,485.43

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:  
I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
S. S. GORDON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1908.  
V. BOELLING, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, JACOB KAMM, Directors.

## FINANCIAL. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

### Astoria National Bank

At Astoria in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, September 23, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$433,677.79
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	8,465.35
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	47,500.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	20,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	34,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	3,045.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	65,413.30
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,030.00
Other real estate owned	8,233.41
Due from State Banks and Bankers	4,845.45
Due from approved reserve agents	143,049.01
Checks and other cash items	3,672.71
Notes of other National Banks	1,240.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	241.22
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$77,379.65
Legal-tender notes	720.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,375.00
Total	\$857,887.89

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	18,786.55
National Bank notes outstanding	44,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$339,642.98
Demand certificates of deposit	51,457.61
Time certificates of deposit	253,859.00
Certified checks	141.75
United States deposits	50,000.00
Total	\$857,887.89

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:  
I, J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1908.  
M. C. MAGEE, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
GEO. H. GEORGE, GEORGE W. WARREN, A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

## SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

ASTORIA, OREGON. Statement called by the State Bank Examiner, September 23, 1908. (Condensed)

Loans and securities	\$107,182.95	Capital	\$50,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,421.46	Undivided profits	4,358.25
Expense account	1,279.41		
Available funds:			
Due from banks	\$15,533.47		
Cash in vault	\$16,887.82	Deposits	90,946.86
Total	\$145,305.11	Total	\$145,305.11

J. M. ANDERSON, Cashier.

## THE HAINS' CASE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The charges against Captain Peter C. Hains who killed Wm. E. Annis several weeks ago, and T. Jenkins Hains, his brother, will be taken before the Queens county grand jury today and it is expected indictments will be returned. County Attorney Darrin will not call more than three or four witnesses. He will neither deny or affirm the report that Mrs. Annis is to be one of the witnesses.

At the Queens county jail where Captain Haines and his brother are confined, it is said by the warden that they are both in good physical condition. They still have their meals from the private table of the warden. Captain Hains' supply of cigarettes have been cut down by the warden.

## DESTROYED EVIDENCE.

LAURENS, S. C., Oct. 2.—In an effort to save her father on trial for the murder of her sweetheart, Miss Mary Garrison, while on the witness stand yesterday, tore up a letter of sympathy she is alleged to have written the victim's mother and offered in evidence by the prosecution. J. Henri Garrison killed J. Louis Williamson last July and the former's defense is the "unwritten law." Miss Garrison, who was the only witness, testified that on the night of the tragedy she and Williamson to whom she was engaged, were in the parlor of her home when her father appeared at the window and shot her fiancé. Williamson died three hours later. The prosecuting attorney asked Miss Garrison to identify a letter she is said to have written after the shooting and she promptly tore it into bits. Owing to her state of hysteria she was not rebuked by the court.

## SCARCITY OF MECHANICS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—It is stated at the office of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company that there is a big falling off in the number of idle mechanics, especially in the building trades who are applying for work. A representative of the Interborough said: "Many men are applying for work, but they are drivers, hucksters and peddlers. Several months ago a great many bricklayers and idle men in the other building trades were among the applicants. Now they are few."

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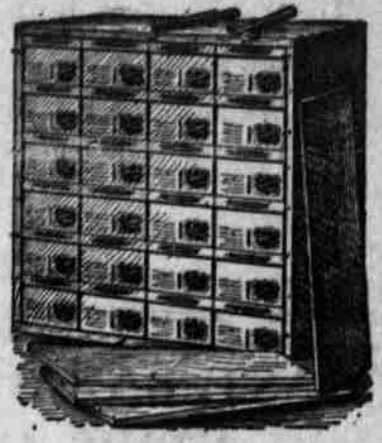
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