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BANK RELEASED BY COMPTROLLER

MERCHANTS IS TO REOPEN

Comptroller Is Advised by Wire Bank Is Ready and Advises Examiner Wilson to Permit Continuance—Will Resume Immediately.

Special Dispatch to The Journal. Washington, Feb. 11.—The comptroller of the currency was today advised by wire that the Merchants National bank is about ready to resume. The comptroller immediately sent word to Examiner Wilson to permit the bank to start. It is expected that this will be done at once.

The news that the Merchants National bank would reopen its doors has been confidently expected by the officers of the institution, for the terms imposed by the comptroller of the currency have been fully met. The bank's suspension, which occurred November 12, 1907, was due to unfounded rumors as to its solvency and followed a protracted run that began almost immediately after the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. During the period of this run the Merchants National paid out about \$2,300,000 to its depositors, nearly one half of the total deposits.

The officers of the bank have not yet received from Washington official notice of the comptroller's decision to allow the bank to reopen, and therefore decline to discuss the subject. They take the view that it would be improper for them to make any statement until formally advised by the comptroller himself of his decision. The news has been expected, however, and it is understood that no time will be lost in reopening the doors and resuming business. Ever since the Merchants suspended operations its officers have been engaged in arranging to meet the terms imposed by Comptroller Ridgely, an important feature being the agreement on the part of large depositors to realize upon notes and other valid securities which it holds. This work was finally accomplished and the report of Bank

Examiner Wilson was forwarded to Washington. The Merchants National bank has been one of the most important financial institutions of Portland. Its solidity was demonstrated by the manner in which it withstood for three months the unreasonable run to which it was subjected after the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. The only outside assistance which it received was the sum of \$250,000 in clearing house certificates, which were afterward paid off and retired. The officers of the Merchants National are: T. Frank Watson, president; R. L. Durham, vice-president; R. W. Hoyt, cashier; George W. Hoyt, assistant cashier. The foregoing officers with C. E. Smith, Fred S. Morris and R. D. Inman form the board of directors. It is believed that the bank will be able to reopen within two or three days.

GERMAN AMERICAN BANK ABSORBS OREGON TRUST

Sign artists will be at work tomorrow obliterating the last outward evidences of the Oregon Trust and Savings bank and painting the signs of the German-American bank at the corner of Washington and Sixth streets. The German-American bank this afternoon checked over its fixtures and properties, and its cash and collateral, to the merger bank, and these will be moved tomorrow to the new home of the big bank that is to open tomorrow with a paid-in capital of \$400,000 and a new set of directors and officers.

Today Louis J. Wilde, to whose foresight in purchasing the German-American bank and shaping the course of the reorganization, Receiver Devlin and President Reed attribute the success of the undertaking, will retire from all connection with the German-American. He also withdraws from the position he has occupied as Portland representative of the Home Telephone companies in which he has so largely figured. "This is my last day in the harness here," he said. "All I have wanted from the beginning was to see the Oregon Trust & Savings bank affairs pulled out of the hole, and to get the best possible board of directors for the new German-American. I have simply desired to make good, to the letter, and I guess I can say that this has been done. The interests in the German-American bank represented by the stockholders in the hands of trustees, in the persons of S. G. Reed, T. C. Devlin, C. Devlin, P. L. Willis, Sig. Richel, C. H. Carey, J. V. Burke, H. W. Fries, Grant Phegley, A. G. Long. Two well-known business men of Portland will, within the next few days, be added to the directory, making the total number 11. Directors elected S. G. Reed president, and T. C. Devlin cashier. A vice-president and an assistant cashier will be selected within the next few days at an adjourned meeting. The completion of the formal organization will proceed along with preliminary arrangements that are being made for taking up the work of liquidation of the old Oregon Trust and Savings bank. The daily business of the German-American bank will be carried on as usual in the new quarters at Washington and Sixth, but the affairs of the Oregon Trust will have to be put in shape for liquidation before the German-American will be ready to receive and deal with depositors and creditors of the old bank. This will require time, for there are countless details to be attended to before actual liquidation can be commenced.

Cannot Act Now. "It should be clearly understood at the beginning that we cannot take care of the depositors of the Oregon Trust immediately—that is to say, within the first two or three weeks of the opening." (Continued on Page Five.)



S. G. REED.



T. C. DEVLIN.

KILLED IN DRUNKEN SCUFFLE

Edward Carrell, an Engineer of Tacoma and Eastern, Shoots Patrick Murphy After Desperate Fight Over Religion.

Two Men Were Celebrating Birth of Little Son of Man Who Was Slain by Rifle Bullet—Murderer Placed Under Arrest.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 11.—In a drunken quarrel apparently originating over an argument about religion, Edward Carrell, an engineer, shot and killed Patrick Murphy in Carrell's cabin at Harding on the Tacoma Eastern railroad, about 7:30 o'clock last night. Carrell had fought off drink since last Christmas and it was only after the urgings of Murphy that his pledge was broken and the two men went to Kapowsin in order to celebrate the birth on Sunday of a baby boy in the Murphy household. When they returned to Harding last night they entered into a discussion. One word led to another, and before the two realized it, they were engaged in a drunken scuffle. A serious result, however, until they went to the cabin of Frank Jenkins, Carrell having bought some fruit for the Jenkins children. Carrell became boisterous a few minutes after their arrival and flourished a revolver about, twice pointing it at Jenkins' wife. Then the previous discussion was renewed and in his attempt to strike Murphy over the head, Carrell slipped and the weapon fell into a wash boiler. Later the two men went to the street and again the argument was renewed. Carrell claims that Murphy was trying to take his revolver from him and finally Murphy drew a knife and cut at him slashing in two the carriage belt around Carrell's waist. Murphy then picked up a rifle and tried to beat Carrell to the ground, and in the scuffle the rifle was discharged, the bullet crashing through Murphy's brain piercing his forehead just below the temple, killing him instantly. Carrell gave himself up.

HUMPHREY TIRES OF HOTFOOT LIFE

Wanted at Kansas City on Murder Charge, Surrenders at Vancouver.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 11.—A man claiming to be David W. Humphrey of Kansas City, Missouri, walked up to Chief of Police Sechrist on the street yesterday and declared he was wanted in the Missouri city for the murder of James Dorsety and that he wanted to give himself up. Humphrey's story is most remarkable, if true. According to the story told Chief Sechrist, Humphrey was released from jail on \$15,000 bonds and forfeited this amount. He wandered about the country for several months. Arriving in Vancouver a few weeks ago he secured work as a day laborer. Humphrey has visited Mexican points, El Paso, Texas, and numerous other places. He has letters from people in Kansas City which, if genuine, remove all doubt as to the story told. One letter, from a brother, begs Humphrey to return and winds up by saying that the writer believes he can be freed of the charge against him. Humphrey declared to Chief Sechrist that he was unable to stand the strain any longer and would be glad to return to his home town. He refused to acknowledge his guilt or discuss the charge against him in any way. A telegram was sent to Kansas City last night to ascertain the genuineness of Humphrey's story. An answer is expected this afternoon.

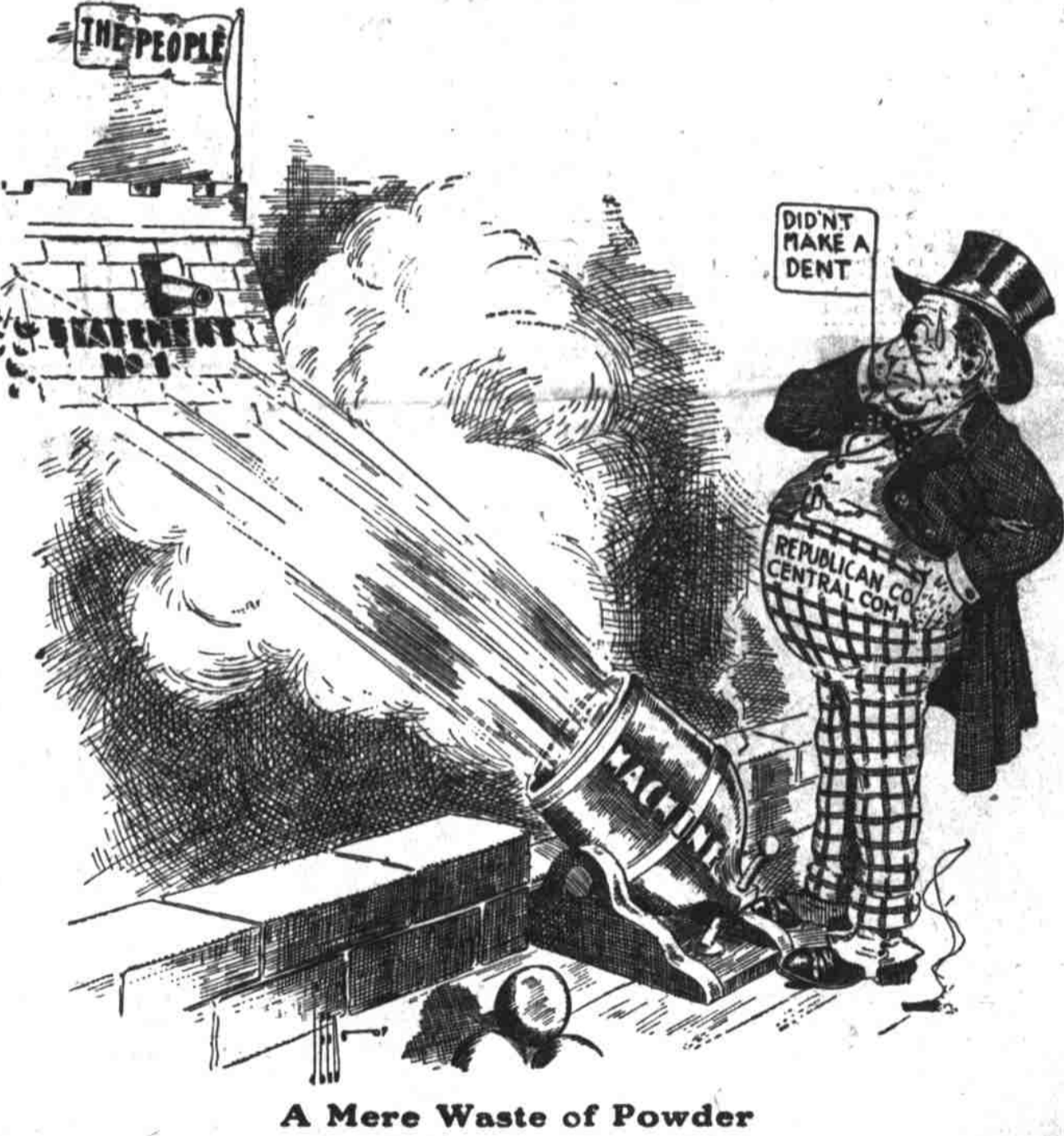
FLOATING ENDEAVOR SOCIETY IN SEATTLE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 11.—A floating endeavor society in Seattle was organized Sunday and will entertain the sailors of the big battleship fleet when they reach Seattle in May. Plans for entertaining the visiting sailors are elaborate. Six branches of the floating endeavor work are to be organized from Seattle Christian Endeavor workers and these will cooperate with the 12 floating endeavor societies now organized among the sailors of the fleet.

CRACKSMEN LOOT BANK ESCAPE ON HANDCAR

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 11.—One of the boldest and most successful bank robberies, from the standpoint of the amount of the booty secured, ever perpetrated in this part of the country occurred early today when five bandits cracked the safe in a bank at Willard, Missouri, and escaped with \$10,000 in cash. Willard is located 15 miles from Springfield. The robbers forced their way into the bank while the citizens of Willard were sleeping and tore the safe to pieces with three charges of nitro-glycerine. The explosion aroused the townspeople, who rushed from their homes to learn the cause of the noise. Several citizens engaged in a pistol battle with the bandits, who, firing as they ran, boarded a handcar on the Frisco road and made a dash toward the Ozarks. Posses are on their trail.

MARION COUNTY'S OPENING GUN



A Mere Waste of Powder

ENGLAND'S NAVY COSTS TOO MUCH

Parliament Will Force Bannerman Ministry Out of Office Next May.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 11.—England has just passed a cabinet crisis and next May will see the resignation of the Campbell Bannerman ministry. This is the result of the parliamentary struggle over the country's increasing naval expenditures. Though the fight against the Bannerman policy of large naval expenditures was begun by the anti-imperialists it has had the support of such a large percentage of the Liberals in parliament that the two parties are considered allies on the one question. This means that Premier Campbell-Bannerman and his entire ministry will be ousted from office next May.

HUGH SUDDETH'S BODY FOUND NEAR HOQUIAM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Hoquiam, Wash., Feb. 11.—The body of Hugh Suddeth, who has been missing for weeks, was found yesterday in the Elumtups river, 30 miles from this city. Suddeth disappeared the evening of December 15. He was but 17 years of age, but of giant stature, being considered the strongest man in the valley.

POSTPONE TRIAL OF RAYMOND HITCHCOCK

New York, Feb. 11.—Raymond Hitchcock's trial was postponed today to February 24, following a war of words between his counsel, Attorney McIntyre, and Attorney Garvan assistant district attorney.

SOME DONT'S THAT KEEP APART OF THE NEWS

- DON'T blame the conductor. The car service is bad but the conductor cannot help it. Complain to the company. DON'T put too much faith in the telegraphic "knocks" on Bryan. He is a dangerous candidate for president and successful men are always "knocked." DON'T let your friends in the east see too much of what is published about our delinquencies. Send only best east. DON'T forget to read up on the Rose Carnival. The time is fast approaching when something must be done. DON'T overlook opportunity to call attention to the Swift Packing company choosing Portland for site of its northwest plant. It will encourage others to establish manufacturing here. DON'T talk "stringency." Read the reports from New York and you will see that there is more money on hand than the country knows what to do with—but don't hold onto it. "It takes money to make money." DON'T fail to help all of Oregon as well as Portland. The news is that the state's promotion bodies are working for the good of all. A prosperous state means a prosperous city. DON'T forget to read The Oregon Sunday Journal. You will find that it is a newspaper that will interest you and that it will please all members of your family. See that you order the paper right away for you will miss something the longer you delay.

MAN AND WIFE DIE IN RAPIDS

Mr. and Mrs. John Ashman Could Not Escape From Euclataw Swirl.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 11.—Drowned in the fierce mad swirl of the Euclataw rapids last Tuesday when almost within sight of home, was the fate of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashman, a young couple who recently made their home with Mr. Ashman's father on a ranch a few miles below the Euclataw. The death of Mr. and Mrs. Ashman was not witnessed, but it has been learned that they started down the rapids in a small boat, and as they have not been heard of since there is little doubt of their fate.

VALDEZ TRAIL IS CLEARED

United States Marshal Perry Alleged to Have Miners' Strike Situation Well in Hand—Claims Are Being Worked on "Open Shop" Plan.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 11.—United States Marshal Perry has the strike situation well in hand and expects no further trouble with the strikers. All claims that the unions formerly worked are working on the open-shop basis with a full quota of men. Deputies have cleared the Fairbanks-Valdez trail of strikers and the miners' union guarantees there will be no further molestation of travelers. If there is any Marshal Perry, strikers will be brought in to control the situation. The government has authorized Marshal Perry to swear in as many deputies as he may require. The filling of the Union officials still adhere to the belief that the mines cannot be operated without union men.

CAPACITY OF SWIFT'S NEW PLANT

Plans Made for Extension of Industry as Occasion Requires—Stockyards to Be Built First—Land Is Acquired.

Poultry Department Will Be Added Where Millions of Chickens and Turkeys Can Be Prepared for the Market.

- Estimated Capacity of Swift Plant. 2,000,000 hogs each year. 1,500,000 sheep each year. 1,000,000 cattle each year. In addition there is to be the poultry department where millions of turkeys and chickens will be dressed and made ready for market.

In designing and laying out the grounds for the new \$4,000,000 packing plant of Swift & Co. every preparation is to be made so that the buildings can be enlarged at any time to increase the output of the establishment. Announcement of this decision was made to The Journal this morning by Louis F. Swift, president of the Chicago company, who leaves tonight for Seattle after a four-day inspection tour of the 2,000 acres owned by Swift & Co. and the surrounding country. "We have decided to make every preparation in order that the capacity of the packing houses can be increased at any time," Mr. Swift said to a Journal reporter this morning.

"Naturally, we can hardly estimate exactly at present the demands that will be made upon the Portland plant for its products. On this account we have selected the site of the packing plant itself so that additional buildings can be built at any time. "In other words, in locating our plant in Portland we are looking into the future as well as to attend to the present demands of the trade. All plans of the new building are to be so formulated that at any time we may build and enlarge the factory without interfering in the least with the plant which will already be in operation.

Stockyards First. "As I told The Journal Saturday, the stockyards are to be built first. All arrangements with the railroad for transportation facilities have been arranged, and the purpose of my visit here has practically been completed. Tonight I leave for Seattle. Mr. Swift, accompanied by John Donovan, who has charge of the Swift plant at South St. Joseph, Missouri, C. E. Coby, president of the Union Meat company, and N. B. Higby, head of the purchasing department for Swift & Co., made his final inspection of the packing house site on the lower end of the peninsula this morning. One of the problems that is confronting the packers is the big fill that will have to be made on the ground where the stockyards and other properties of the plant are to be located. A tract of 10 acres had already been filled in. Other fills are to be made, however, and this work is to commence as soon as possible. The filling of the additional acreage will require several months' time and a large force of men and teams. Guest of Mr. Jonselys. Yesterday Mr. Swift, H. C. Gardner, his chief engineer of construction, A. R. Farnsworth of the railroad department, and other members of the Swift party were the guests of B. S. Jonselys, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. (Continued on Page Four.)