

BANK PRESIDENT PHILLIPS IS GIVEN SHARE OF BLAME

Depositors of Failed Vancouver Institution Say He Made Unsecured Loans to Former Partner Aldrich.

Vancouver, Wash., June 26.—Around the close personal and business relations known to exist between Frank Aldrich of Goldendale, Wash., and Hugh C. Phillips, president of the Commercial Bank of Vancouver, revolves no small share of the indignant criticism of Phillips heard on the streets in connection with the failure of the bank and the yet unknown losses to depositors.

Aldrich was one of the men held forth as a pillar of strength to the bank at the time it was purchased. When it closed he and others of the Aldrich name or companies owned by him, comprehended under the general name of the Aldrich loans, owed the bank more than any other interest with nothing but unsecured notes in the bank to cover the loans.

Notes Reduced.—Amounting to about \$108,000 when the bank's doors were closed last October, these notes have been reduced to \$37,287 by the receiver, against which he holds various properties turned over by Aldrich since the failure of the bank. A description of these properties and the prices at which they are held was given in these dispatches a few days ago. They may liquidate 50 per cent of the Aldrich loans, or they may pay less.

Aldrich has never been a resident of Vancouver. He lives at Goldendale, from which town Phillips came to Vancouver five years ago. At Goldendale, Phillips and Aldrich were closely associated. They were partners in the grain business for seven years, and were also in the flour mill business, Aldrich being general manager of the Goldendale Milling company. Aldrich has also long been a sheepman. At the time the bank was purchased, he had about 6000 acres of land in Klickitat county and 6000 sheep. At least, this is what was represented by inspired articles published in the newspapers at that time.

What Was Relationship?—Phillips became a resident of Klickitat county in 1877 and served two terms as county auditor. Aldrich went to that county about 1891. When the Commercial bank was purchased from S. M. Beard, E. M. Rowley and others, Phillips and Aldrich were given up as the principal financial guaranties of the new institution. Particular emphasis was placed upon Aldrich.

Did the partnership relation of Phillips and Aldrich continue down through the time that Aldrich was receiving large loans on unsecured notes? It is known that Phillips signed an assignment of mortgage after the closing of the bank, "Aldrich & Phillips, by H. C. Phillips." Vancouver business men say they were generally regarded as partners, and they were so described at the time the bank was taken over in articles furnished the local newspapers.

Just when the loans to Aldrich began is not known, but will be established by investigation of the books by Expert J. W. Ferguson. The relations of Aldrich to the bank will be one of the subjects of close scrutiny in the investigation. During the first part of the bank's history after the purchase there was no banking law in Washington, and it may be that in any event no liability had been incurred by the transactions with Aldrich.

But if the partnership of Phillips with Aldrich continued, as it appears to have been, the acts of Phillips in piling up the Aldrich notes in the bank will provoke particular comment.

Bank Examiner Blamed.—It is said that Bank Examiner Mounford gave some attention to the Aldrich transactions before the closing of the institution, and asked that the account be placed in more satisfactory condition. But it is alleged Mounford did not use great diligence after closing the bank in getting a hold on the Aldrich securities. Aldrich owed other banks besides the Commercial bank, and when Receiver Kies went to Goldendale, over three months after the bank closed, to locate any property of value to the bank, he found the Toppensish bank was ahead of him in taking first claim on a large band of sheep and other personal property. The receiver, however, holds 160 shares of the Toppensish Livestock company, one of the Aldrich properties.

PATROLMAN JOHNSON OF ST. JOHNS DIES

After an illness of nearly two months Robert M. Johnson, a resident and former patrolman of St. Johns, died yesterday morning at his home in St. Johns. The deceased was 55 years of age, having lived in St. Johns over six years.

He was born in Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, California, November 22, 1854. From Santa Rosa he came to Condon, Oregon, where he lived for several years, then moved to St. Johns. He was in the employ of Cochran & Co. for several years, then he got a position on the police force of the town. He held this position until the time of his illness.

The deceased leaves a widow and three married sisters. The funeral will be held tomorrow at the home in St. Johns. The remains will be taken to Oregon City for burial.

\$75,000 ESTATE IS GIVEN TO WIDOW

Will of Late George W. McBride Filed for Probate Today.

The will of the late George W. McBride, former senator from Oregon, was filed in the county court today for probate. The estate is valued at \$75,000, and is left to the widow, Laura W. McBride. The death was June 18, 1907.

The will was drawn April 15, 1907, and made liberal provision for relatives and close friends in case the wife should not have survived the deceased. Should this have been the case, Edmond C. Gilliner would have acted as trustee, and through him \$1000 would have been left to Edmond C. Gilliner, Walter Caples, Thomas A. McBride, Nancy P. Bolman, Laura A. Woods, Lucinda H. Caples, James H. McBride, George McBride, Patterson, Orville W. Yeagrain, Lorin K. Adams, Frederick C. Caples, Marazet Wharton, Dell M. Shinn, Laura Sullivan, Edith McBride, Howard R. McBride, Anna L. McBride, Walter McBride and H. C. McBride. The rest of the estate was to be divided among the closest relatives. A special bequest of \$1000 was made to Judith H. Smith and Elvira J. Butler. Since the widow survived the deceased, these bequests are void. Provision was made that the widow and Edmond C. Gilliner are to act as executors. Lorin K. Adams is named attorney for the executors.

CEMENT WORKERS QUIT JOB ON PIER

Fifty "Sandhogs," Working Under Water, Strike for \$3 Per Day of 8 Hours.

While 50 "sandhogs" working in the caissons on the Broadway bridge, struck yesterday, the general work on the bridge has not been crippled. A force of 200 men working for the Union Bridge & Construction Co. still being on the job.

The "sandhogs," who are not unionized, have been receiving \$2.50 a day for eight hours work, but they made a demand for \$3 a day for the same hours. As no result came from the demand, the men struck yesterday morning as the 8 o'clock shift was going out to enter the caissons. It is said that some of the married men had their families with them, but were persuaded to do so by their companions.

The pier for which the caissons are being sunk is No. 7 on the east side of the river, which is now 42 feet under the water. There are two more caissons, for piers 5 and 6, to be put down yet. Pier 4 has been finished.

No Settlement in Sight.—It was stated this morning that no negotiations had been entered into yet between the bridge company and the striking "sandhogs," and it is not known at the local office what will be done until word has been received from the head offices at Kansas City. It is expected that word will be received today.

At the present time there are 125 men at work on the pier, about 100 in the construction of the caissons while 25 others are at work on the abutments of the O-W. R. N. bridge.

Several of the strikers, headed by J. Kohn this morning stated that they wished the public to understand that their strike is not the work of obstructivists, but that they are mostly men of families who have to work at great depths below the water, inhaling the fumes of dynamite charges, and that they are simply asking an increase in wages which they consider fair.

It was stated that the bridge company had threatened to send to Kansas City for negroes to do the work, which they say would result in sending the money earned out of the city. They say that Portland men should be given the work at an advance of 50 cents a day.

PAPER BOARD MAKERS INDICTED IN NEW YORK

New York, June 26.—Officers, agents and members of various paper board manufacturing companies and partnerships included in the membership of the Eastern Box Board club were indicted today by the United States grand jury here for conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Most of those indicted are members of the Fibre and Manila association, which paid a fine of \$88,000 in February, 1910, for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The demand for seats for tonight's event is unprecedented. Ambassador Whitelaw Reid of the United States secured a box seat for \$500, but as high as \$500 has been offered for boxes by late applicants.

SAYS KILLMAN RODE AWAY WHILE JURY DELIBERATED

Missouri Officer Comes After Citizen of Lents for Crime Committed 11 Years Ago; Theft of Cow Is Basis.

Sheriff Lee Baker of Wayneville, Mo., arrived this morning to take Alf Killman of Lents back to Missouri to serve a prison sentence of five years. Requisite papers are not expected to arrive until this afternoon, and the habeas corpus hearing instituted by Killman in opposing the return will be heard tomorrow by Presiding Judge Gantenbein.

Killman and his friends at Lents will make a vigorous fight against extradition, declaring that Killman has lived an honest and quiet life at Lents for 11 years and should not be returned to the state that has neglected to call for him during this time.

Sheriff Baker states that Killman left Wayneville while the jury was deliberating. He rode out of the county on a horse, and when pursued by officers turned upon them in a gun battle. The jury found him guilty and a sentence of five years was imposed.

Although the heavens wept yesterday afternoon shortly after things were under full swing at the big amusement park, the inconsequence was not felt. Philip Pelz and his band and the Metropolitan Opera Quartet moved from the bandstand to the auditorium, where the concert was resumed.

The sextet from "Lucia," the quartet from "The Miserere," the quartet from "The Huguenots" and many other numbers by the quartet were an artistic delight, perfect rendition giving cause for the boast of Manager Corday that nothing but the finest of music is to be heard at the park.

CONTROL OF HAWAII PASSES TO JAPANESE

Washington, June 26.—The findings of the army war college, which has been investigating the policy of expansion adopted by Japan, show that the insular government has settled 73,000 Japanese in Hawaii and that their number is increasing, but that in the Philippines there are less than 3000 Japanese. The army officers' report shows that the coffee industry has passed entirely out of American control into hands of Japanese. It is predicted that it will not be long before the Japanese control the sugar plantations.

PAY \$5000 FOR BOXES FOR GALA PERFORMANCE

London, June 26.—Tonight's great feature of the coronation festivities will be a gala performance at the Royal opera house, Covent Garden.

King George, Queen Mary, members of the royal family and royal delegates to the coronation from other countries have returned to London from Portsmouth to participate in the concluding events of the celebration.

JAPANESE CELEBRATION FUND HAS DISAPPEARED

The celebration fund of the local Japanese colony has disappeared. The fund, donated by a large number of the members at a meeting at the Terkoku company, 50 North Third street, Saturday night, cannot be found.

The manager of the company reported to the police that about 1000 dollars had been taken from the fund Saturday night and in addition to taking the \$800 which had been collected for celebration purposes, numerous rings, watches, chains and knives valued at about \$100 had been taken. Detectives Endicott and Sloan and Tichenor and Howell have been assigned to the case.

DEMENTED ARMY OFFICER WEDS FRISCO DIVORCEE

SPRECKELS GOES ON THE STAGE IN SUGAR INQUIRY

Asked if Western Company Was Formed to Eliminate Competition, Magnate Says "Not Exactly."

Washington, June 26.—Before the Hardwick committee of the house which is investigating the sugar industry, the Western Sugar Refining company's president, John D. Spreckels, protested today against the committee's plan to call upon Spreckels being compelled to testify because of government suits pending in New York against three companies of which he is president.

Hardwick ruled that the committee was empowered to examine anyone, but that any witness might refuse to answer a question that would tend to incriminate him. Spreckels then took the stand.

The western sugar magnate declared he was the president of the Western Sugar Refining company, the Spreckels Beet Sugar company and the California Sugar Refining company. Asked if the western company had been formed to eliminate competition, Spreckels replied:

"Not exactly, but for a year before the western was organized there had been fierce price cutting. The story how, by means of a contract lease, Spreckels in 1903 took over the contracts of the California-Hawaiian Sugar company, his principal competitor, for three years and closed the refinery of that company after the concern had lost \$600,000 yearly in trade war, caused the committee to instruct Spreckels to file a copy of the lease."

Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, and Bishop Sibley arrived today from Utah to give testimony as to the relations of the church in the sugar business with the late Henry O. Havemeyer.

WOMEN WORKERS IN LAUNDRY GIVE OWN LUNCHES TO FIREMEN

Young women in the employ of the Troy laundry adjoining the burning oil plant, deserted their posts and gave their attention to serving hot coffee and lunch to the firemen and others fighting the flames. The girls gave their own lunches to the firefighters, and when these gave out, the laundry coffee pot was set going and sandwiches hastily prepared from the nearest grocery.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE STIRS LITTLE INTEREST

London, June 26.—So far as the masses of the people are concerned, the British "imperial conference," between Premier Asquith and the heads of the governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and New Foundland has been a fizzle, as a result of the discussion of reports of the session. Formal reports have been given out, but it is generally understood that much of the interesting part of the premiers' deliberations was omitted.

COURT MAY PREVENT ERECTION OF STABLE

Esther Pohl, 393 Williams avenue, this morning obtained a temporary restraining order in the circuit court against John Campbell, preventing him from erecting a stable on his lot at Welder street and Union avenue. It is alleged in the complaint that Campbell is building the stable in violation of a city ordinance, as he proposes keeping a cow and a horse in it. The injunction is returnable July 5, when arguments will be made to determine whether or not it shall be permanent.

DIRECT MEASURES ON OREGON PLAN SWEEP COUNTRY

Senator Bourne Issues Statement on Remarkable Showing Made by Movement for Popular Government Laws.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., June 26.—A remarkable showing for the adoption of what are commonly known as the popular government laws, framed along the line of the Oregon system, is made by Senator Bourne in a statement just issued.

The states in which the initiative and referendum have been adopted as a constitutional amendment are Oregon, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Arkansas and Maine. Utah adopted an initiative and referendum amendment which is inoperative because of failure of the legislature to enact necessary legislation.

States Yet to Vote.—The states in which the initiative and referendum amendment has been submitted by the legislatures, but has not yet been voted on by the people, are California, Washington, Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska, Florida and Idaho.

These are only actual, final results accomplished, but the statement does not profess to refer to the partially complete campaigns that are being fought in many of the eastern states. All over the east virile organizations are at work, framing programs for inducing the legislatures to permit the people to vote on constitutional amendments looking towards the adoption of the essentials of the Oregon system.

Progress in Quaker State.—For instance, in boss-ridden Pennsylvania, where the ghost of Matt Quay held sway, and the mortal Boies Penrose now holds sway, a real prospect exists of early adoption of the essentials of the Oregon system. Some genuine progress was made in the legislature during the past few months, and members of the organization that is working for the new law profess confidence that they will win a victory in the early future.

MINISTER ASSERTS HE CAN PROVE HELL A MYTH

San Francisco, June 26.—That hell is a myth and that he can prove it by quotations from the New and Old Testaments was the substance of a speech made here by Pastor Russell of the London and Brooklyn Tabernacles at Drayland rink. "Hereafter" was the subject of the lecture which was made in connection with the international Sunday school convention. Russell analyzed the common beliefs in heaven and hell and then gave his own opinion that the dead will simply sleep until the judgment day.

HANDLE PASSENGER BUSINESS BY AUTO

Miserable Train Service Leads to Innovation at Medford and Jacksonville.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Jacksonville, Or., June 26.—Jacksonville and Medford people are singing the praises of V. C. Gorst, who had established an automobile passenger service between the two cities. Mr. Gorst makes a round trip every hour, and has found his way into popular favor to such an extent that he will soon put on another machine. He is also talking of putting on a truck to compete with the Rogue River Valley railway in hauling freight.

This is the result of the narrow minded and short sighted policy of the Rogue River Valley railway which has kept Jacksonville securely bottled up for so long. Though the traffic has long warranted it, the Barrums have steadfastly refused to make more than the three round trips a day that they have been making for many years. Several petitions requesting improved service have been ignored and accommodations have been markedly improved.

HUSTONS IN AUTO, SEE WASHINGTON

Portland Family, on a Motor Tour of East, Visits the Nation's Capital.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, June 26.—E. B. Huston, Mrs. Huston and their sons Oliver and Carl, of Portland Heights, were in Washington for several days, en tour in their motor car through eastern states. On June 20 they went to Baltimore and Philadelphia, and on to Atlantic City, for a few days at the beach. From there they were to go to New York, New Haven and New London, there to witness the boat races between Yale and Harvard, June 23 and 30.

Their plans then called for continuing the tour through Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts to Boston, Portland, Maine, through the White mountains, through New Hampshire, New York state and on to Buffalo and Detroit, down to Cleveland, over to Chicago and up to Minneapolis, whence they expect to ship their car and go home via the Canadian Pacific, reaching Portland about August 15. The entire journey was to be in their motor car, with the itinerary varied as fancy suggested along the route. A ride south from Boston to the tip of Cape Cod at Provincetown, where was the actual first landing place of the Pilgrim Fathers, was in prospect, over the celebrated automobile roads of Massachusetts.

WHO WILL PAY COST OF PAVING FOR BLOCK "S"?

John M. Gearin, representing Dr. Andrew C. Smith, half owner of block S, which has been accepted as the new postoffice site, this morning asked Justice Bean for extension of time until tomorrow to look into the question of liability for street paving assessment against the property, amounting to \$4000 or \$5000.

COMMISSIONER LANE TO MAKE WESTERN TRIP

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., June 26.—Commissioner Lane, of the interstate commerce commission, leaves in a few days for the coast. He will visit California and later Portland, Seattle and Tacoma. He will remain west all summer. Commissioner Lane has completed his part of the work on the rate cases involving the northwest cities and decisions are looked for any time now.

APOSTLE SEE POSED AS THE TRUE CHILD OF THE ALMIGHTY

Described Himself as Literal Son of the Divine Power, Sent to Earth to Start a Perfect Race.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 26.—That Evelyn Arthur See, "revealer" of the cult in "his mortal life," described himself in his writings as the literal and true son of God, was declared today in the trial of the "prophet" by Associate State Attorney Burnham in prosecuting See for causing the delinquency of Mildred Bridges, one of his girl disciples.

See, Burnham said, asserted that he was sent to be the progenitor of a perfect race who were, by immaculate conception, to be true sons and daughters of God.

SWEDISH EXCURSION STEAMER IS WRECKED

Helsingfors, Finland, June 26.—The Swedish mail steamer Borj, with 400 excursionists aboard, was wrecked today on Korpo Island. No details have yet been received, but it is feared the death list will be heavy. The Borj was returning from a trip to Stockholm.

WITH LICENSES RAISED ONE-THIRD, SALOONMEN DOUBLE COST OF DRINK

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Marshfield, Or., June 26.—After July 1 drinks in saloons in Marshfield will cost just twice as much as they do now. This is due to the action of the retail liquor men following the raising of the license from \$500 to \$800 a year. When the license question was before the city council the liquor men stated that if the license was raised they would have to put up their retail prices, claiming they could not stay in business otherwise. Hereafter beer will be 10 cents a glass instead of 5 cents, and whiskey will be raised in the same ratio.

Four Fine Portland Homes Received Pianos Like This Last Week, From Eilers Music House (of course)

The picture shows the latest design of the superb Chickering Quarter Grand, which has come to be known as the Bride's Piano. Our reduced prices range from \$638 to \$1150, according to size, design and finish.

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