

BANK'S MILLIONS MOVED AT NIGHT; 100 POLICE GUARD

Chicago, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Opening of business today found the greatest merger of financial institutions in Chicago's history completed overnight. The Continental and Commercial National bank handled all of the business of the Fort Dearborn National and the Fort Dearborn Trust and Savings bank—a \$60,000,000 concern. The merger, made on request of officials of the Fort Dearborn institution when they found themselves in serious financial difficulties because of over extension of credit, makes the Continental and Commercial the second largest bank in the country. 100 POLICEMEN GUARD All night long heavy trucks loaded with bags of currency, securities and banking books and papers, roared through Chicago's financial district, carrying out the transfer. A hundred policemen, armed with riot guns, guarded the streets, while every truck and taxi carried its quota of guards. As the transfer has completed, Chicago's kings of finance went home to bed after being on the job since Saturday noon trying to bring about a satisfactory solution of the difficulties. George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial bank; James B. Foran, president of the Chicago clearing-house, and John M. Mitchell, all multimillionaires, had been in constant conference since Saturday noon. They grabbed their meals at one-arm lunch counters between conferences. STAFFS KEPT BUSY Complete staffs of both banks were called from their New Year's celebration to make ready that business might be carried on as usual. Chicago's financial world took the situation easily and without great flurry. It was regarded as the best way out of a dangerous situation. The Chicago Tribune said editorially: "The Fort Dearborn bank incident is not a pleasing event with which to start the new year. The bank's weakness was the result of any general weakness in the banking situation. It was the result of the improper conduct of one bank, and it is especially encouraging to realize that this conduct is exceptional."

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(Continued From Page One) troops and whereby the allied forces were to withdraw at the same time. JAPANESE POSITION The Japanese position in defense of her troops remaining in Siberia is this: 1—That Japan must guard against the possibility of a return to Siberia. 2—That Japan must protect the interests of her nationals which have been established in the maritime province of Siberia to where the Japanese troops have not been withdrawn. 3—That Japan will withdraw completely from Siberia as soon as there is a government there which can give satisfactory guarantees for the safety of Japan's interests and frontiers. The question of Japan's military occupation of the northern half of Sakhalin island, off the coast of Siberia, also probably will be linked up with the general Siberian problem. REPORT REGARDING SECRET AGREEMENT WILL NOT DOWN By George H. Holmes Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Despite the denials so vehemently voiced by French and Japanese delegates in Washington that a secret agreement exists between the two governments over mutual policies to be pursued in Siberia, the question was uppermost in the minds of the conference delegates today when they resumed work after the holidays. Officially, the denials of the French and Japanese have been accepted by the American government. Between the words of two recognized and friendly powers and the word of an unrecognized, uninvited new republic of doubtful stability there can be but one choice so far as the United States government officially is concerned. ATTENTION TO SIBERIA The publication of these alleged secret agreements by the unofficial delegates of the Far East (China) government, however, has served to draw maximum attention to the whole question of Siberia, which is due to be taken up by the conference shortly. In view of the disclosures made, the attitudes of the

French and Japanese over the matter of a resolution pledging the powers to observe the territorial—and perhaps the administrative—integrity of Siberia will be watched with absorbing interest by the other powers of the conference. There were no indications today that the United States plans to take advantage of the China delegates' invitation to have their papers examined by a state department representative. As a matter of fact, there are known to be in the files of the state department reports from American observers in the Far East which bear a general resemblance to the documents made public here in such startling fashion by the Far Easterners. These reports date back months before the advent of the Republican administration. DAVIS SAW IT Norman H. Davis, under secretary of state in the latter days of the Wilson administration, is known to have expressed the opinion in his secret appearances before the senate foreign relations committee that a "Franco-Japanese understanding" with regard to Russia would be a "policy in existence or to be worked out."

Meanwhile, Boris Skvirsky, M. Yasikoff and other members of the Far Eastern delegation here are content to rest on their laurels for the time being. They reiterated today that they have other documents bearing on Franco-Japanese intrigue in the Far East and that these might be made public at the proper moment. None of the powers of the Washington conference are "officially" talking for the opinion in his secret appearances before the senate foreign relations committee that a "Franco-Japanese understanding" with regard to Russia would be a "policy in existence or to be worked out."

ROOT RESOLUTION PENDING The one deterrent factor is the Root resolution, proposing restrictions that virtually nullify the resolution and the use of war. The American and British governments have approved it entirely, the Japanese, French and Italian delegates referring it to their home governments for instructions. Strong doubts were expressed whether the Root resolution would be adopted as it lies. Indications were that the American and Japanese, at least, will decline to approve it, although they have not received final instructions from their respective governments. The sentiment among the delegates here, however, is against it. The opinion was expressed in responsible quarters that the naval treaty situation will go no further than pledging the powers to observe and restrict international law in the "visit and search" of merchant vessels by submarines in war-time.

POINTS TO BE ADJUSTED Methods of scrapping existing tonnage, methods of replacement and date on which replacement construction can begin, are other minor points that remain to be adjusted. It is possible, that consideration of Chinese problems will be resumed this week. Negotiations are under way for a resuming of the Chino-Japanese conversations of return to Shanghai, which were discontinued when deadlock was reached over the matter of railroad control.

DATA DENIES HE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AGREEMENT New York, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Norman H. Davis, under secretary of state in President Wilson's second administration, today denied that he had any knowledge of the alleged agreements respecting Siberia given out by the representative of the so-called Far Eastern republic. He reaffirmed previous statements to the senate committee on foreign relations, that in the international communications conference, held several months ago, Japan and France had identical views. Mr. Davis said he did not care to rehearse any of the information given to the senate committee, but that whatever information was thus given with regard to Japan and France maintaining identical positions in respect to those cables, he could not recall. "I never heard of such agreements before," Mr. Davis said.

PARIAN WRITER SAYS WAR HAS BEEN ONLY POSTPONED Paris, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The Washington conference has not solved the Pacific problem, but has only postponed it, said General Maitret, writer of the Echo de Paris today. "The clash, which will take place between the Japanese and the Americans some day, will be all the more violent."

U. S. DENIES IT HAS INFORMATION ON FILE Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—It was late today that there is in the department files "any official information corroborating the disclosures made by the representative of the Far East (China) republic of a secret Franco-Japanese alliance with respect to Siberia."

Charge Bank Theft To Auto Suspects Kelly Gates, age 28 years, and John Franklin, age 28 years, who were arrested here Sunday as suspects of auto larceny, were taken Monday to be fugitives from Ephrata, Wash. where on charges of bank robbery in Grant county. Spokane authorities requested that Portland police search for war stamps and bonds taken in the Washington robbery. The suspects were arrested at the St. Thomas afternoon and stole a large amount of hair tonic, beauty cream, clippers and a gold watch. The loss of the cosmetics was discovered by the proprietor Monday evening.

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Fastidious Robber Is Operating Again The Beau Brummel robber is at work again. Someone entered the F. J. Thomas barber shop at 101 Russell street Monday afternoon and stole a large amount of hair tonic, beauty cream, clippers and a gold watch. The loss of the cosmetics was discovered by the proprietor Monday evening.

U. P. Traffic Manager Is Back From South A. E. Edmonds, assistant traffic manager of the Union Pacific system, returned Monday from Los Angeles, where he had spent the holiday season with his family. Edmonds recently came to Portland from the Southern California city, where he had been located for several years as traffic manager of the Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad.

Bolshevists Launch Offensive on Finns Helsinki, Jan. 2.—Bolshevik forces have opened an offensive against the Finns in eastern Karelia, it was reported here today. Heavy fighting is reported to be taking place.

MINISTERS BACK COMMUNITY CHEST AS WORTHY PLAN Indorsement of the Community Chest was unanimously given this morning by the Portland Ministerial association assembled in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium in its regular monthly meeting. The vote was taken following talks by Amos M. Smith and Hugh H. Herdman. The association also adopted the report of a committee appointed to investigate the new community hospital, in which the new project was favored and declared not to be extravagant when the aid and comfort it is to give are taken into consideration. The committee declared the present old building to be originally hazardous and a disgrace to the city and county. A suggestion was made that if curtailment of expenses is necessary in the new building, it be equipment, which can later be replaced, rather than in the building. The committee members were the Reverends E. A. Hunt, D. Lester Fields, Ralph C. McAfee, R. E. Closs and W. E. Nugent. The clergy also took favorable action on a peace resolution passed by many churches on Christmas Sunday urging the disarmament conference not to adjourn until four questions are settled: (1) Sweeping reduction of armaments; (2) Christian solution of the Far Eastern problem; (3) General commitments to submit every international difficulty for peaceful settlement; and (4) International law, courts of justice and board of arbitration. The Rev. J. H. Usovich of the Pan-human church of Russia made an appeal for funds with which to carry on his educational work in Jugoslavina. Dr. H. L. Bowman of the First Presbyterian church talked from the subject, "The Minister as a Student." He said that the conscientious minister must study, or he could not be called honest. Dr. W. B. Hinson of the East Side Baptist church in discussing the subject "The Minister as a Preacher," said the preacher should deliver his message as if on God's behalf. He declared the clergy to be ambassadors of God. Chaplain F. K. Howard of the Episcopal church denounced the double standard of morality for laymen and ministers. He said that the minister who is afraid of his job has no place in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Dr. Charles F. MacCaughy of Centenary-Wilbur Methodist church did not appear to speak from the subject, "The Minister as a Pastor."

\$15,000,000 INVOLVED IN BIG TIMBER DEAL (Continued From Page One) their organizations and investments to the West. It is understood that the purpose of the Long-Bell company in seeking to purchase the Hammond interests has been mainly to gain control of the big line of wholesale and retail yards controlled by Hammond in California. The deal is of great importance to the Long-Bell company, which will soon be one of the largest, if not the largest, operators on the Pacific coast. It is not believed that the deal means any change in plans of the Long-Bell company to construct a mill near Kelso, Wash., where elaborate preparations are under way for a mammoth plant. The Hammond mill at Tongue Point, near Astoria, while probably not junked, it is said, is an old one and the Hammond timber tributary to the Columbia river is practically gone. The Hammond mill, a valuable Oregon timber is said to be a tract of 25,000,000 or more on the Trask river. Another valuable tract, with mill operating at Mill City on the Sautiam river in Marion county, is owned by Hammond. The redwood plant at Bureka has operated for years and is one of the largest in the world. HAMMOND STILL ACTIVE A. E. Hammond was born in Nova Scotia 73 years ago, a poor boy. He drifted to the West early in life and found his first business experience in Minnesota. He came to Oregon with Dick Eddy, Ed Stone and Ed Bonner of Bonners Ferry fame. He was cutting saw timber on Hood's Canal and Sound country in 1868. In 1895 he built the railroad from Portland to Astoria under the name of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and in 1906 he sold it to James J. Hill. At 73 he is still in business. He is understood to have had in mind for a year the sale of the larger part of his interests. Hammond has been in Kansas City, it is said, for the past 30 days, negotiating the sale, but is understood to have returned to his headquarters office at San Francisco. Mr. A. Long is in San Francisco now, it is understood.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICES OF THE HAMMOND LUMBER COMPANY SOLD San Francisco, Jan. 2.—At the offices of the Hammond Lumber company here today details were made that the Long-Bell Lumber company had purchased the interests of A. E. Hammond. It was stated that the Hammond company long has had business relations with the Long-Bell interests and that preparatory to entering the lumber business on the Pacific coast, representatives of the Long-Bell company are acquainting themselves with the Hammond company with a view to their adoption. "I can say authoritatively that we have had no dealings with the Long-Bell people," Vice President Bennett of the Hammond company, said today.

Six Robberies in City Admitted by 13-Year-Old Boy Six more burglaries in Portland were cleared up Monday morning by the confession of Leonard Pearson, age 13 years, who told the police, a long story of his youthful bandit career and implicated a number of other boys of his own age. Pearson is a runaway from the Frazier home, according to police. When he was arrested early Monday morning he had in his possession a revolver, a blanket and a suitcase, each of which had been stolen from the Peninsula Iron works. He confessed to John Lacey, a private investigator, during the past month.

Bodies of 8 More Northwest Soldiers Arrive in Portland Eight bodies of Northwest soldiers who lost their lives in overseas service arrived in Portland at 3:30 o'clock this morning to be consigned from here to various points in the Northwest. They were as follows: Private Ralph W. Hill, Eugene City; Private Loren G. Harrington, Oregon City; Sergeant Frank E. Brown, Wasco; First Lieutenant Lester B. Fickling, Clatskanie; Private Herman R. Levin, Blaine, Wash.; Private George C. Mitchell, Seattle; Private John Lacey, Centralia, Wash.; Private Benjamin F. Hill, Dallas, Or.

Bynon Is Assistant To U. S. Attorney Captain Allen Bynon of Salem became assistant U. S. attorney here today to succeed Hall L. Wood, whose resignation became effective Saturday night. Bynon is an overseas veteran and a graduate of Willamette university. Lacey resigned his private practice with Arthur C. Edmonds, his father-in-law.

Postal Receipts for December Show Gain Portland postoffice showed a gain of 1.85 per cent receipts during December over December of 1921. Collections during the month were \$,942,000, as compared with only \$,834,118 for the previous year.

Lester M. Leland Takes Office as Kiwanis President John H. Rankin, retiring president of the Kiwanis club, turned over the gavel of his office to Lester M. Leland, incoming president for the coming year, at the noon luncheon at the Multnomah today. The usual routine of the luncheon meetings was abandoned for the ceremonies of inauguration, which were under the direction of Judge George Stapleton, an intimate of Lester M. Leland, in the spirit of address. In addition to being inaugurated, it was also ladies' day, and a large number of "kiwanettes" attended the luncheon. Retiring President Rankin was presented with a Kiwanis pin by the club, while Harold C. Jones, whose reelection as secretary by the board of directors was announced by President Leland, was presented with a gold Kiwanis knife. Special music was furnished by the Washington high school band. Mrs. A. S. Decker, soprano soloist, also favored the club and its guests with a couple of songs.

TIME TO BURN CHRISTMAS TREE, MARSHAL WARNS Takes down all evergreen Christmas decorations and burn them along with the Christmas tree. This is the advice of Fire Marshal Edward Grenfell, who said this morning that there had been no fires in the city caused by decorations or trees. He pointed out, however, that the danger period was not over, as the greens becoming dry from being inside would become more inflammable each day. Orders have been issued to inspectors of the fire marshal's office that all cut trees left on vacant lots must be removed. Boys bringing trees into the city for sale usually bring more than they can dispose of, the marshal said. Those left on vacant lots and are a firehazard as well as an eyesore to the neighbors.

OBDRANCE TRANSFERS DANCING INSPECTOR TO LICENSE BUREAU Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin an ordinance transferring the office of dancing inspector from the police department to the license bureau will be introduced at a meeting of the council Wednesday by Mayor Baker. The reason given for the change is that the police department activity has been reduced by the cut made in the budget for the tax conservation commission and funds for proper inspection are not available. The change will cost approximately \$1500. This will be met by the license fees collected from dance houses.

S. P. Loses Its Suit Against Government Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The Southern Pacific Railroad company, in supreme court today, lost its suit to force the secretary of the interior and the federal land office to accept the company selection of indemnity lands along the company's lines from the eastern boundary of California to the city of San Francisco.

PENROSE SUCCEEDED BY GOV. SPROULE upon presented a joint resolution of adjournment, which was quickly accepted. McNARY URGED FOR HIGHER POST ON FINANCE COMMITTEE Washington, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—The passing of Senator Boies Penrose and the federal land office to accept the opinion of the Republican "old guard" leadership which he typified was uppermost in the minds of both house and senate today when they convened after the holiday recess. Out of respect to Penrose, an adjournment of both chambers until tomorrow was taken promptly. A realignment of Republican committee assignments made necessary by the death of Penrose was made by Senator McCumber, North Dakota, to succeed him as chairman of the all-important senate finance committee. Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey was seeking the vacancy caused by McCumber moving up on the committee, while Republican members of the "agrarian bloc" were striving to have one of their number, notably Senator McNary (Oregon), selected. The change probably will elapse before the Republican committee on committees is able to work out a program which will end the scramble for committee assignments.

69 Unlicensed Dogs Rounded Up During Month of December December was a bad month for the bow-wows. Ross R. Churchill of the Oregon Humane society and his gang of men rounded up 67 canines for having become strays. The dogs were taken to the pound on Columbus slough road, and of the number captured seven were reelected by owners and 29 sold. Owners getting their pets out of stock paid \$10.35, while new buyers paid \$106.50. In addition to this, the society collected \$10.80 for feeding some of the animals redeemed.

Cannes Is Gay on Eve of Conference Of Supreme Council Cannes, France, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—On the eve of the meeting of the supreme council, delegates, secretaries and attaches are plunged into the gay life of a Riviera winter with a fervor which promises that this will be the most brilliant of international diplomatic assemblies since the war. Most of the delegates have brought their wives and the dance floor of the luxurious Cannes Casino is thronged with fox-trotters day and night, while American jazz bands blare out the latest melodies. Cocktails at 10 francs each add to the gaiety of the assembly and the purse of the restaurant proprietors. At bacarat the play is high, with James Hutchinson of New York filling the role of a kind of plunger. He stakes from 5000 to 14,000 francs on the turn of a card and occasionally wins the maximum bank of 30,000 francs. The sensation of Cannes has been the placarding of the walls of the Riviera town with handbills signed by a former employe of the Casino at Monte Carlo, charging that roulette there is dishonest. The placards declare the Casino cleans up \$40,000,000 annually. Serious work for the delegates will commence next week.

Company of Oregon Loses High Appeal On Damage Claim Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The Grant-Smith-Porter company of Oregon, an agent of the Emergency Fleet corporation, today lost in the United States supreme court its appeal for force libel in admiralty for personal injuries to be

PORT ACTIVITIES PLACED IN REVIEW The accomplishments of the Port of Portland, Portland Dock commission and traffic bureau of the port and commission in 1921 were related to the Rotary club at luncheon Tuesday. The entire session was devoted to the subject of Portland's waterfront trade. Frank M. Warren, president of the Port of Portland, described the development work of the past year, including improvements extending from Ross Island, the head of deep sea navigation, to a point some 36 miles below Portland. Warren told of plans to dredge from the mouth of the Willamette to St. Helens and to clear the North Portland harbor in 1922, this year. G. B. Hagar, secretary of the dock commission, recounted the growth of the city's water traffic since the commission started work in 1913, the volume of commodities handled by the various terminals in 1921 and the expectations of increasing the traffic measurably in the coming year. Harry Hudson, manager of the traffic bureau of the port and dock commission, described the work of the bureau in seeking to make the work of the port and dock facilities yield returns. Slides showing the work of the city's dredges and docks illustrated the talks.

Fletcher Is Named For Belgium Post Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The nomination of Under Secretary of State Henry P. Fletcher of Pennsylvania to be United States ambassador to Belgium was announced at the White House this afternoon. HURT IN AUTO COLLISION Mrs. H. I. Wenger, 340 Grant street, suffered a fractured shoulder Monday afternoon, when she was injured in an automobile collision at Forty-first and Knott streets. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

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