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TRUST UNITES WITH TRUST

Colossal Merger of Morgan, Ryan and Morton Companies Consummated.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE HAS CONTROL OF \$150,000,000

Merger the Largest of Its Kind in U. S.—New Combine Will Be Known As Guaranty Trust Company—Three Parties Are Big Figures in Financial Circles—No President Is Yet Elected—Hemphill May Be Named.

New York, Jan. 4.—J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton linked hands in New York yesterday in a trust company merger which unites resources of \$15,000,000.

It is a triple combination, bringing in the Guaranty Trust company, the Morton Trust company, and the Fifth Avenue Trust company, all of this city, under one head with the title of the Guaranty Trust company.

The merger is perhaps the largest of its kind in the United States. Directors of all three companies met yesterday and informally approved the terms of the merger, which will be put in more definite form tomorrow, when another directors' meeting will be held and the plan ratified by stockholders. A formal vote will not be taken until later.

Levi P. Morton, president of the Morton Trust company and of the Fifth Avenue Trust company—both known as Morton-Ryan concerns—has consented to act as chairman of the board of the merged companies. No president has been selected. The name of Alexander J. Hemphill, vice president of the Guaranty Trust company, has been mentioned for the position.

Terms of Merger Concealed. The Morton Trust company, formerly the banking house of Bilsland-Morton & Co., was organized in 1899. Thomas F. Ryan is vice president. Its deposits aggregate more than \$45,000,000. Like the Guaranty Trust company, its capital and surplus are \$2,000,000 each.

The Fifth Avenue Trust company, founded ten years ago, is one of the better known uptown financial institutions. With a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 each, it has paid large dividends. The capital stock of the new company probably will be fixed at \$5,000,000, with perhaps a like amount for surplus. It is believed that the merger will involve the large stock and cash dividends to the shareholders of the three companies. The present premises of the Fifth Avenue Trust company will be retained as a branch of the combined company while the main offices will be in the financial district.

It was rumored that the Morgan interests had acquired the holdings of Thomas F. Ryan in the Morton Trust company, but no statement on this point was obtainable.

JOHN D. JR. INSERTS PROBE IN WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

New York, Jan. 4.—The Rockefeller grand jury of which John D. Rockefeller, jr., is foreman, today is probing the white slave traffic in New York.

OWNERS OF DITCHES HASTEN TO INSTALL FISH SCREENS

From present indications there will be few prosecutions in this county as the result of failure of public and private ditch owners to screen their ditches in conformity with the laws of the state. The Byers' mill race, and the Walters' mill race have already been screened. The big feed canal of the government project at Hermiston is being screened and the Irrigon Irrigation company will put in screens just as soon as they begin taking water out of the river.

ROCKY MT. BLIZZARD EXACTS HEAVY TOLL

Denver, Jan. 4.—Eight persons are dead, hundreds of cattle and sheep have perished, railroad traffic is demoralized, and wire communication is prostrated as the result of blizzards and rains resulting in floods that swept the Rocky Mountain states for the last three days. Four men are reported to have been killed near Shenandoah, Colorado, by snow slides. One man and two boys, their names unlearned, were frozen to death in New Mexico near the Colorado line last evening. At the Iowa mine in this state, a miner was buried beneath a snow avalanche and his body has not yet been recovered. Reports from all sections of the mountainous states indicate that the storms have been general and heavy damage caused.

NEW YEAR'S DESSERT FATAL TO FEASTERS

Sawtelle, Cal., Jan. 4.—Four are dead and six are expected to die here today as a result of eating canned peaches at a New Year's celebration at the home of Alphonso Fernandez. The dead are Mrs. D. G. Valdez, aged 66, of Ocean Park; Frank Garra, aged 13, a grandson of Mrs. Valdez; Mrs. Fernandez, aged 25 of Sawtelle and Elizabeth Fernandez, aged 2, a child of Mrs. Fernandez. Among those not expected to live throughout the day are Mrs. D. H. Reclado, a son in law of Mrs. Valdez, his daughter Virginia and his son Antonio, aged 4, Ramona Garcia aged 12, and G. Reyes aged 58.

HEAVY RAINS PREVENTED BURYING OF THE DEAD

Pomona, Calif., Jan. 4.—Because the rains filled the graves nearly as fast as they could be dug, bodies which were to have been interred nearly a week ago were not buried until today. During the heavy rain storm just passed over this section of the state, the bodies of seven persons were held by undertakers on account of the storm. Funeral services were held as usual, but the bodies were kept in the undertaking parlors. Had the rain continued longer, special arrangements would have been necessary to store the bodies. Four bodies were interred yesterday and three today.

IF MINERS HELP SWITCHMEN SMELTERS WILL SHUT DOWN

Butte, Jan. 4.—Upon the decision tonight of Butte miners as to whether they will continue to support the striking switchmen hinges the employment of twenty thousand men. The Amalgamated Copper company announced today that if the miners vote to continue to lend their aid to the striking switchmen it will close down all its plants in Montana and Wyoming, throwing miners, smelters and quarrymen out of work. The Great Falls Smelters' union whose members have suffered from privation due to the shutdown of the Boston and Montana smelters, last night voted to aid the railroads in carrying on the switching in order that the plant might be reopened.

FAMOUS AVIATOR MEETS DEATH DURING FLIGHT

Bordeau, France, January 4.—Lon Delegrande, the famous aviator, was killed here today when his aeroplane collapsed while making a flight.

The backward man sometimes experiences trouble in forging ahead.

PENDLETON POSTAL BUSINESS FOR 1909 WAS GREATEST IN HISTORY OF CITY

PENDLETON'S POSTAL BUSINESS FOR THE PAST YEAR WAS GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY. IT SURPASSED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS THE TOTAL BUSINESS FOR 1908 AND '08 WAS A RECORD BREAKER. THE BUSINESS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, JUST CLOSED, WAS THE HEAVIEST OF ANY MONTH IN HISTORY AND THE QUARTER JUST CLOSED WAS LIKEWISE THE BEST QUARTER THE OFFICE HAS EVER KNOWN.

Table with 4 columns: Quarter ending, 1909, 1908, and 1907. Rows include March 31, June 30, Sept. 30, Dec. 31, and Totals.

PAISLEY CENTER OF IMMENSE ICE FLOE

LAKE COUNTY TOWN MAY BE SWEEP AWAY

Chewacan River on Rampage, Carries Huge Ice Blocks Through the Streets—Water Freezes When It Reaches Level—People Have Taken to Highlands.

Paisley, Ore., Jan. 3.—(By courier to Lake View, Ore.)—Paisley is in imminent danger of destruction by a flood and citizens of that community have fled to other ground. The Chewacan river is on a rampage carrying huge cakes of ice through the principal streets of the town. The river has spread over the entire valley surrounding Paisley, congealing into an immense ice floe. For two miles the channel of the river is a solid mass of ice. Ice jams have battered down the bridges connecting Paisley with the outside world.

CONGRESS DECLARES RECESS IN RESPECT TO M'Laurin

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress convened today after its two weeks of holiday recess, both houses going into session exactly at noon. Only a brief session was held in each house on account of the death during the Christmas holidays of Senator McLaughlin of Mississippi. The senate adjourned at 12:09 o'clock.

DR. COOK MAY SHOW HIMSELF IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—The announcement of Secretary Lonsdale, who bore Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar diary to Copenhagen, that he has been in personal communication with the explorer, has given rise to the hope that Cook will come to Denmark and appear personally before the committee that recently rejected his claims to the polar discovery.

RIVER BOAT BLOWS UP KILLING SEVERAL MEN

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.—Several men are reported to have been killed when a river boat blew up over Beaver, near this city, shortly afternoon today.

Will Identify Woman's Body.

Santa Monica, Cal., Jan. 3.—The body of a young woman washed ashore yesterday at a point on the Malibu ranch, 27 miles north of this city, will be brought here tomorrow on an expedition having started for the place today. Descriptions of the clothing and general appearance make it quite certain that the body is that of Celine Borde, the San Luis Obispo school teacher who disappeared from a hotel here on December 14.

All Quiet at Barcelona.

Madrid, Jan. 3.—The governor of Barcelona has telegraphed that absolute quiet prevails at Barcelona and throughout all of Catalonia and that there has been no attempt at a general strike. Dispatches received from that city indicate an anarchistic movement.

RECORDER HENDLEY ECLIPSES RECORDS

1909 BUSINESS TOWERS OVER THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS

1909 Phenomenal Receipts Exceeded by Thousand Dollars—Over Four Thousand Instruments Placed on Record—Office Self-Supporting.

According to the annual report, now in course of preparation by County Recorder Fred W. Hendley, the business of his office for the year 1909 breaks all former records. The phenomenal receipts of the office for the year 1908 have been exceeded by more than a thousand dollars, while the number of instruments placed on record mounts into the thousands.

A BURGLAR-BARON.

Robber Killed in Chicago Was Head of House of Essex.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—It developed today that Lord Featherstonhaugh, the rightful head of Essex, England, and the house of that name, was shot and killed by a policeman on New Year's morning. Harry D. Featherston, slain while robbing a saloon was no other than the last of that famous line in England. Mrs. Eliza Featherstonhaugh, the dead man's mother, and William W. Featherstonhaugh, his uncle, still retain the title name that Mrs. Featherstonhaugh's father had when he was disinherited for marriage against the family wishes.

HOLDUP MAN CAUGHT BY VICTIMS DURING ROBBERY

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 3.—A man giving the name of Hank Kennedy entered a saloon in East Bakersfield at 8:30 last night with a drawn revolver and ordered the five men in the bar room to throw up their hands which they promptly did. While the desperado was abstracting a purse from one man's pocket, another of the victims jumped the hold-up man and the whole five joined in subduing him.

DYNAMITE SHAKE UP WHETS MAN'S APPETITE

Medford, Ore., Jan. 4.—After being hurried twenty feet through the air by the premature explosion of dynamite on the Pacific Eastern railroad last evening, John Messina, a laborer, awoke this morning in a local hospital and demanded to know where he was, asked for his pipe and a plate of ham and eggs. The nurse, leaving him for a few minutes was astounded on her return to find him standing by the window engrossed by the street scene below. Beyond complaining of a headache, Messina apparently was unharmed though he remained unconscious all night. Now he begs to be discharged and allowed to return to work.

THE STONES ACCUSED.

In Bloody Murder of Morgan Shively Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict.

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—A coroner's jury in the case of Morgan Shively, the Pacific Electric railway conductor who was killed early Sunday morning in the home of G. A. Stone, at San Gabriel, rendered a verdict yesterday which implicated Mr. and Mrs. Stone in the murder.

DEATH TURNS ROMANCE INTO CRUEL TRAGEDY

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—A romance came to light today following the death of Frank M. Jermyn, the scrappy coal baron. Jermyn who died yesterday from injuries received when struck by a street car, has been engaged to marry Mrs. Clara Wadsworth of Oakland for the last four years. The wedding was set for February 25. Mrs. Wadsworth is the divorced wife of Joseph A. Wadsworth, formerly paying teller of the Wells-Fargo National bank of San Francisco. She and Jermyn had planned an automobile party and dinner for an early hour the day the millenary was struck and fatally injured. She was at Jermyn's bedside when he died.

Baseball Heads Meet.

New York, Jan. 4.—President Thomas J. Lynch, of the National League and John Heydler left New York today for Cincinnati where they will attend a meeting of the national baseball commission. President Lynch and Ban Johnson, the official head of the American league hold the balance of power in the coming commission election and their choice for president will decide the issue. It is expected here that Garry Herrman of Cincinnati will be reelected.

Fatal Train Wreck.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 4.—Many persons are reported to have been injured when the Louisville and Nashville railroad southbound passenger train No. 3 collided with the northbound local passenger at Oakland, ten miles north of this city.

BOOTLEGGED BOOZE CONTAINS SEED OF RETRIBUTORY JUSTICE

According to reports which are just now becoming public property there was a wholesale poisoning on wood alcohol in this city on Christmas day. The victims, as well as those responsible for the poisoning have been doing all in their power to have the matter kept quiet and it is for that reason that the general public is just now becoming familiar with the details of the affair.

ESTRADA IS WARY LEADER

Insurgent General Will Not Risk His All in One Battle With Government.

ADVANCES ON CAPITAL IN TWO DETACHMENTS

Revolutionist Commander Plays Certain Game—Moves Toward Managua by Two Different Routes—Has Five Thousand Men Under His Command—Troops Are Better Equipped Than Government Soldiers—Many Recruits in Ranks.

Bluefields, Jan. 4.—General Estrada is determined not to stake the fate of his revolutionists upon one battle with the government troops at Acera. If the manner of the advance which he has begun upon Managua may be taken to indicate his plans.

FOUR FIRE LADDIES PERISH IN FLAMES

Milwaukee, Jan. 4.—Four firemen lost their lives in a fire that partially destroyed the plant of the American Bridge company shortly after midnight. The dead are Captain John Hennessy, Lieutenant Dominik Odenell, Pipeman William Foley and Pipeman Joseph Sullivan. The four men were members of the first company to reach the fire. They were playing a stream of water on the walls of the east wing of the building when it collapsed, burying them beneath its wreckage. Captain Hennessy's skull was crushed while the bodies of the other firemen were terribly ground beneath the debris.

ENGINE LEAPS TRACKS KILLING HER CONTROLLERS

Vallejo, Jan. 4.—Engineer Charles Rosani was scalded to death and Fireman Guy Cameron so badly wounded that he is practically insane and may die, when a Southern Pacific engine, backing at a high rate of speed left the rails and toppled into a ditch three miles north of here today en route to Napa Junction. Rosani was caught in the cab where boiling water and fire burned him so that his body is unrecognizable.

Shoots Enemy; Suicides.

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tribunal to the quality of the drink that intoxicates. By the time Christmas day was reached the stuff neither resembled in looks or flavor, to any great extent either Cyrus Noble or Old Bourbon. The illegal importer of booze is then said to have undertaken to tone up the contents of the barrel and secured a quantity of wood alcohol for that purpose.