

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

House of Morgan and Other Big Banking Interests Forming Gigantic Merger.

Negroes Should be Handled Same as Whites. Honest Criticism is Acceptable and Good for the Soul—But Isn't it a Fact That Present Educational System is Overdone?

By BRUCE DENNIS

THE California chain banking plan only pointed the way—biased the trail—as it were, for a big undertaking.

It looks now like the House of Morgan and other New York moneyed interests are about to put in a chain banking system that will make the Bank of England look like a village cash box.

MONEY has her own way of talking and if the new move for a chain bank across the continent goes through there will be a metallic voice heard that will be rather commanding.

IN California just now there is a reaction against the chain bank. True, it has a lot to combat, but it is showing up in different parts of the state as a power to be reckoned with. Several communities that still have home independent banks and chain banks as well show a big gain for the home institutions. There is a feeling against the chain bank down there, and it may be the same way over the nation. Just when big business news sometimes thinks it has the rabbit in the bag, he gets away.

THE argument about the negroes in the city is important. First, there are some undesirable characters among the colored folks who should not be encouraged. And, secondly, there are some mighty good colored people here who should be considered with the bad ones. Black folks are like white folks—some are good and some are bad. It never thus, and always will be. The colored man or woman who works, attends to his or her own business, and lives right is entitled to praise and esteem. We know some colored folks in Klamath Falls who live right, who pay their bills, who work hard, who worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. They are good citizens and we are for them.

WE love honest criticism, especially when such criticism is not of the spiteful kind. We have before us a letter from a lady school teacher in Klamath county who chastises us and we admire her for having the courage of her thoughts.

This lady teacher says: "I justly and professionally resent your recent editorial entitled, 'It is the School Marm's Fault.' If you were not so kindly disposed I would think it savored of the vicious, but I really believe it is just pure ignorance on your part, and that you and all progressive people, be they editors or cartoonists, are glad to be enlightened. With many years experience I speak advisedly. The child loves school. He is glad when it opens. New methods like our departmental teaching, current events weekly shown in our buildings by the use of the delineoscope, music and orchestra and band director, athletic coach, health nurse, the most improved texts, up-to-date home economic and manual training department all make learning a joy. The trust officer with us has little to do. Come to see us, please, and we will convince you."

AND with this broadside of criticism we naturally feel like wailing, but we must not. This young lady is all right. She is in love with her work and we commend her. Far be it from a country editor to attempt to argue the matter out with such a vigorous person. But, we do respectfully offer one suggestion: Haven't we overdone the whole educational scheme? Haven't we too much, entirely?

OBSERVER DEAL NEWS TO SCHWAB

Steel Man Not In On Anything of the Kind.

CONSIDERED ACTION MOST UNNECESSARY

When Asked What He Knew of the Deal He Said "I Knew Nothing of It and Could Not Believe It." Later Learned Who Employed Shearer.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21, (AP)—Employment of Wm. B. Shearer, naval propagandist, by American shipbuilders as an "observer," at the Geneva conference was described as "most unwise," today to a senate investigating committee by Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation.

Schwab said he knew nothing about the Shearer deal until many months later. When first asked about the Shearer arrangement by a newspaperman, Schwab said he had denied it because "I couldn't believe it, and knew nothing of it."

The Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, a subsidiary of the Steel corporation, was one of the three companies which employed Shearer at Geneva.

The Bethlehem chairman added he was confident that Eugene Grace, president of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, knew nothing of the Shearer deal. Asked who was responsible for employment of Shearer by his company, Schwab hesitatingly named S. W. Wakeman, vice president of the Shipbuilding corporation.

"Did you take some action?" asked Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas. "I left that to Eugene Grace, president of the company," replied Schwab. He added that he would leave that for Grace to decide.

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COLLEGE GRID SEASON OPENS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21, (AP)—Opening football skirmishes in widely separated sections today will sound the season's call to far western followers of the great American college sport.

First games of 1929 will feature three coast conference opponents against opponents of lesser rating. Stanford's gridiron strength will be tested by the west coast army service team. Oregon State tries out its play on Willamette while Montana goes into action against the Anaconda Anodes, a club team. Stanford's Cardinals appear to have the toughest assignment of the day, despite the imposing array of gridiron splendor assembled by Coach "Pop" Warner. The service squad, experienced and weighty, includes in its personnel, Lieutenant Louis Hammack, guard on the West Point team last season. The Cardinals have had but one week of practice.

Whitman college and Cheney normal clash at Walla Walla, Wash., in the only other game of any consequence along the coast.

Lumber Cheap In Days When Modocs Ruled

When one starts to build a house nowadays and is confronted with a lumber bill running from \$60 to \$125 per thousand, he might well wish that he had done his house building back in the '70s. In those days it was possible to buy a sizeable ranch and erect thereon the buildings for housing people and livestock for about the same price now paid for a 6-room bungalow. This statement is based on a figure given by John Shook, one of the oldest pioneers of the county. In 1874 Mr. Shook put in a little sawmill in the Bonanza vicinity and supplied lumber for many years at \$10 per thousand. Under existing conditions that was probably a profitable figure. It is only by comparison with present day prices that the figure seems rather insignificant. Sawmilling was not Mr. Shook's sole occupation. It was a sideline, largely, and an answer to a pressing demand for building material. He followed the cattle business for many years and was one of the most successful.

TOO DRUNK TO ARGUE HIS CASE

PORTLAND, Sept. 21, (AP)—Bramblett Jaymes, elderly, who filed charges of brutality against A. M. Landers, Portland policeman, following Jaymes' arrest, in which the patrolman is said to have broken three of Jaymes' ribs, was in jail here today on a charge of intoxication. He was held without bail. Jaymes was to have appeared before Mayor Baker yesterday afternoon to argue his case against Landers. Several policemen spent several hours searching for Jaymes when he failed to appear at the appointed hour of the hearing. Landers arrested Jaymes on a bogus check charge. Jaymes declared Landers handled him so roughly he was forced into a hospital for medical treatment.

HOTEL GUESTS LOSE TO THIEF

A clever robbery was staged this morning when about ten rooms of the Willard hotel were entered and approximately \$115 in cash taken.

Mrs. Claude Basche, who is a guest at the hotel from Baker, noticed a man crawling from her room at five o'clock this morning. The man was on his hands and knees, and had just about reached the door when Mrs. Basche woke her husband, who partly clothed himself and started in pursuit of the robber. The woman then screamed, waking one of the guests across the hall, who also discovered that money had been taken from his trousers.

The two men chased the robber to the fourth floor where he disappeared. Later, as several of the guests were breakfasting in the Coffee Shoppe of the hotel, one of the men recognized the man who had entered his room and gone through his clothes, taking out several bills. The robber, however, rushed from the hotel, and had not been overtaken or any clues discovered as to his location, at press time this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Basche, W. C. Calder and his sister, W. G. Robertson, George Wason and W. D. Baker were among those whose rooms were entered this morning. Money was taken from the men's clothing but no jewelry or merchandise was missing.

O. C. Gibson, who was the night clerk on duty at the time, and others around the hotel who saw the man described him as being rather large, wearing dark trousers and a white shirt that was open at the throat. He was tall and had dark, curly hair. Police officers and men from the sheriff's office are on the lookout for the man.

BANISH ELECTRICS PORTLAND, Sept. 21, (AP)—Red electric passenger train operating between Portland and Corvallis on the Southern Pacific will be discontinued within 30 days, according to Ben C. De, attorney and James A. Ormandy, assistant passenger traffic manager of the railroad.

PORTLAND, Sept. 21, (AP)—City fire department officials announced today they believed back draft, an idiosyncrasy of pent-up fire which makes its own outlet for smoke and gases, was responsible for the explosion which destroyed the Allison bakery yesterday and burned seriously John G. Holobek, proprietor.

WHIPPERS HELD

PORTLAND, Sept. 21, (AP)—Rita Coleman and Marjorie Stubbs, both 25, charged with rioting in connection with the horse-whipping of Mrs. Leonora Jack, 29, on the edge of the city Sept. 24, were held to the grand jury yesterday and today were in jail pending final action.

CONVICT SUICIDES

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 21, (AP)—An escaped convict from the Idaho state penitentiary, who said he would rather die than be returned to prison, was taken to his home near Cottonwood today, a suicide. He slashed his throat with a razor while possumen were pursuing him across a field yesterday.

WILD CAR HIT'S CROWD

MINEOLA, N. Y., Sept. 21, (AP)—Eleven persons were injured, five seriously, in two accidents at the Mineola speedway races at the fair grounds this afternoon. Ten of the persons were hurt when a racing car driven by Geo. Condon dived over the fence and plunged into a group of spectators.

When Henry Ford Became a Schoolboy Again



The same school, the same desk, the same desk companion—and Henry Ford, one of the world's richest men, went back to school at Dearborn, Michigan, the other day. Ford (indicated by the arrow) is shown above at the desk where he sat years ago. At his right is Dr. Edsel Riddiman, who had the same seat with Ford in school as a youngster, and at his left is Edsel Ford, his son. Standing in the rear of the room is Earl Nelson, teacher of the rebuilt Ford school. Below, Ford is shown as he greeted the children on their way to classes. This school house, built in 1861, was rebuilt by Ford on his Dearborn estate, and is now a regular unit in the Dearborn school system.

TODAY'S RESULTS

Table with columns for NATIONAL and AMERICAN results, listing various locations and their corresponding scores or results.

JACK FROST IS IN ASCENDANCY

Jack Frost was the reigning weather influence in the city this morning, for September 21st marks the first day of the fall season. It was a typical fall morning, too, with all the roof tops covered with frost, the first of the season, and it reminded people to cover their flowers and watch their gardens from now on. At 6 o'clock this morning the thermometer had dropped and registered 39 degrees. The highest mark reached yesterday was 58. At noon today the barometer showed 30, but was rising. No change in the weather for the present is indicated.

SOVIET PLANE ON ALEUTIANS

MOSCOW, Sept. 21, (AP)—The Russian plane "La 4 of the Soviets" was reported by the Soviet News Agency to have landed early this morning on Attu island, the extreme west of American territory in the Aleutian islands. The agency reported that the plane left Petropavlov, Kamchatka, en route to Nov York last night and covered the 750 miles to Attu island by way of Bering Strait at an average speed of 112 miles an hour. A violent storm raged while the flight was in progress. The next stop planned is at Dutch harbor (Unalaska) whence the plane will proceed to Seward, Sika and Seattle.

The crew of the plane consists of Pilot S. A. Shestakov, Second Pilot P. E. Bolotov, Navigator S. V. Sterigov and Mechanic D. V. Fufayev.

Last Minute News

BANKER SUICIDES DELTA, Colo., Sept. 21, (AP)—Walter G. Hillman, vice-president and cashier of the First National bank of Delta committed suicide last night with a rifle. The bank failed to open this morning.

BOMBING RENEWED CHICAGO, Sept. 21, (AP)—The second bomb attack against an Oak park automobile sales agency was made early today, a dynamite "pineapple" exploding at the rear door of the Marquardt-Smucker Automobile Sales company. The damage was estimated at \$3,000.

A month ago a similar bombing occurred a block away at the Oak Park Sales agency.

A NEW REVOLUTION MEXICO CITY, Sept. 21, (AP)—The first serious trouble in connection with the national presidential election to be held in November occurred here last night when three men were killed, another probably fatally wounded and three less seriously wounded in fighting between supporters of Joe Vasconcelos and Pascual Ortiz Rubio, presidential candidates.

DELEGATES TO TRAVEL OVER NEW RAIL LINE

Arrangements are being made for a special car to take delegates from the Pacific Northwest to the mid winter meetings of the United States chamber of commerce in Ogden with an itinerary which will include the new link of the Southern Pacific line from Klamath Falls south, according to an announcement by the chamber of commerce. About twelve delegates from Portland will make the trip and Earl C. Reynolds will represent the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce at the eastern meeting. The Portland delegation will be joined by members from the Puget Sound area. They will pass through Klamath Falls at the invitation of the Klamath chamber of commerce, who suggested the trip, over the new line.

PASTOR GOING TO CONFERENCE

The Seventy-seventh conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will convene in Centenary Wilbur church, Portland, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and continue in session until Monday, Oct. 1. Methodist ministers from the entire state, numbering 200, will be in attendance. The laymen's convention meets at the same place on Friday, Sept. 29. Several matters of importance will come up at this time for discussion, one of which is the admission of laymen as members of the annual conference. Bishop Titus Loew will preside and religious leaders of national reputation are scheduled to speak during the week. Rev. and Mrs. Frank L. Wemmett of the local church will leave by motor on Monday to be in attendance and will be the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Edward Drake, Jr., while in Portland.

FORGET-ME-NOT DAY The annual Forget-Me-Not day of the Veterans' of the World war was held in Klamath Falls today and proved successful under the direction of George W. Ballard and Cecil Webster, as assistant.

Mr. Ballard has been here from Portland to conduct the drive and left late this afternoon for the camps surrounding here to continue the work. He is the chaplain of the Portland organization and before this time has held two state executive offices.

OTT LEADS HOMERS CHICAGO, Sept. 21, (AP)—Mel Ott of the Giants took the National league home run lead today by slaming his 40th circuit drive into the bleachers in the 8th inning of the Cub-Giant game. Charley Root was on the mound. The blow put Ott one up on his rivals, Hack Wilson and Chuck Klein.

Modest Man Helped Bring In 132 German Prisoners

BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 21, (AP)—A quiet employe of the Brookline highway department approached his superintendent, with a request for time off. Asked the reason, he reluctantly produced a letter from the Army War college, inviting him, as one of the seven survivors of Sergeant Alvin C. York's famous exploit in the Argonne offensive, to come to the annual military exposition in Washington. Otis D. Maritew, the modest employe, was it developed, the Corporal William B. Cutting mentioned in Sergeant York's book.

SAYS LAW COULD BE ENFORCED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21, (AP)—Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, said in the senate today that prohibition could be enforced in Washington if President Hoover would insist upon it. The president, Howell asserted, could call in the District of Columbia enforcement officials and threaten to employ the secret service to hunt out law violators. Mr. Hoover would tell officials, the senator said, "that if the secret service gets the violators before you do, you are out. The reason this thing is not stopped is because there isn't the will to see it stopped." Senator Howell also declared that, while embassies may be entitled to have liquor on their premises, they could not legally transport it into this country.

FIRE CONSUMES BONANZA HOME

Fire, presumably started by sparks from an adjoining mill, consumed the Clark Hamaker residence at Bonanza Friday. The building caught fire in the upstairs and although neighbors rushed in to save furniture, only part of that in the downstairs was removed.

The sawmill is located a short distance from the Hamaker property and uses an unguarded refuse pile for burning the slab and trimmings. With a high wind blowing from the west yesterday, it is thought that sparks from this fire were carried through an open window in the upstairs of the Hamaker house, setting it on fire.

John Shook, pioneer resident of the Bonanza section, was endeavoring to get the authorities to compel the mill owner to enclose the refuse pile and safeguard the community from occurrences of yesterday's fire.

TUALATIN BORE SAID FEASIBLE

PORTLAND, Sept. 21, (AP)—C. E. Chase, member of the engineering firm of Modjeski, Masters & Chase, today prepared to make the final survey of the Portland-Tualatin tunnel, which was declared feasible and satisfactory after a preliminary investigation. Chase has been in the district the past week, and yesterday made both a written and verbal report to the board of directors of the Eastern & Western Utilities corporation, the name under which tunnel promoters are incorporated. Julius Meier, president of the concern, presided.

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BANDITS ROB BANKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21, (AP)—Five men today held up the American Trust company's branch at Thirty-Seventh and Balboa streets here and escaped with about \$1,500 in cash. As they fled their automobile side-swiped a street car but continued on its way. Police throughout the city were placed on guard for the bandits.

VALUABLE CARGO SEIZED

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 21, (AP)—The British auxiliary schooner Vincos was seized with a cargo of liquor of an estimated value of \$50,000 off Montauk Point early today. The seizure was made by the coast guard patrol boat C. G.-299 in command of Boatswain A. C. Cornell of this city.

SEARCH ON OVER IDAHO FOR KILLER

Posses Work on Clue But Are Unable to Find Any Traces.

VICTIM WAS SCHOOL CHILD AGED ELEVEN

Murderer Attacked Child, Then Cut Her Throat and Threw Body Into Snake River. Child on Way to School.

KING HILL, Idaho, Sept. 21, (AP)—Search for the assailant of 11-year-old Marie West, found slain in the deep Snake river canyon near here yesterday, today had spread over Southern Idaho. Her body, with the throat cut, and showing signs of an attack, was lying in the shallow water of the stream, held to the bottom by a rock tied to her leg with wire.

With only one bare clue to aid searchers for her assailant, officers over the southern part of this state have been asked to hold all suspects. A man in striped overalls and wearing a mackinaw was reported by a motorist as having been seen walking eastward along the Oregon Short Line railroad track near the scene of the girl's murder at about the time it is supposed to have been committed Thursday.

An inquest into the death will be held this afternoon in Glenn's Ferry, where the body was taken. The little girl had been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Meisenhah, less than a year ago, and when killed was on her way to school in King Hill, two miles from her home. Apparently she had fostered her mother when the attack occurred. Officers conducting the investigation said she apparently was seized about 100

SINCLAIR WILL STAY IN COOP

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21, (A. P.)—President Hoover will not commute the sentence of Harry F. Sinclair or Henry Mason Day, who are serving terms in the District of Columbia jail for contempt of court arising from the shadowing of the Fall-Sinclair jury.

This was announced today at the White House and it was said Mr. Hoover would follow the recommendation of Attorney General Mitchell that the chief executive not interfere. The applications of Sinclair and Day were received from the department of justice last night, with this recommendation attached.

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