

DEFAULTER IN OVER MILLION

BANKER BIGELOW CONFESSES TO TREMENDOUS SPECULATION.

USES FUNDS FOR SPECULATIONS

Losses Begin in Wall Street and Decline in Wheat Market Completes the Misery.

Once Leader in Financial Circles of the Country and President of the First National Bank of Milwaukee Now an Embezzler.

MILWAUKEE, April 24.—Frank G. Bigelow, until today president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, was arrested today charged with the embezzlement of over \$1,000,000 of the bank's funds. The arrest of Bigelow followed his confession to the board of directors of the bank that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$1,450,000. Following Bigelow's confession he was removed from the presidency of the bank and the facts in the case were laid before the federal authorities.

The complaint was sworn to by United States District Attorney Butterfield. It charges Bigelow, as the president of the First National bank with having embezzled a sum exceeding \$1,000,000. The complaint and warrant are identical with those in Bigelow's case made out for Henry G. Goll, the assistant cashier of the bank, but Goll was not found up to 7 o'clock tonight. Bigelow was taken before United States Commissioner Bloodgood tonight. He waived hearing and was held to the federal jury under a \$25,000 bond.

Dr. Horace M. Brown and Arthur McGeech certified as nurses and Bigelow was released. The next federal grand jury was not summoned but it is expected to meet some time this month.

Bigelow's confession was made at a special meeting of the board of directors Saturday evening and was continued yesterday and all last night. In addressing his fellow directors, Bigelow said he had a painful statement to make, a confession that he had misdirected the funds of the bank and an examination of his books and a comparison of figures would show that he was indebted to the bank to the amount of over \$1,450,000. This money, he said, had been lost in speculation in wheat and stocks. Not a dollar of it could be recovered and the only sum he could offer toward recouping the bank were personal securities valued approximately at \$200,000.

The confession of Bigelow astounded the directors of the bank. Bigelow was recognized as one of the foremost financiers for many years. He has been associated with the First National bank in various capacities for more than fifteen years and his business connections—trust companies, manufacturing concerns, real estate deals and other similar ventures—number scores. He was elected a year ago by election to the presidency of the American Bankers Association, and by its members was looked upon as a leader in financial matters.

In making his statement to the directors of the bank, Bigelow said he had been involved in speculation several months ago. This was in Wall Street. Later he had been a persistent bull in the wheat market, and recent losses there had added to his heavy losses on Wall Street. From small manipulations of the bank funds, he had extended his defalcations until his shortage reached its present stage. He saw no opportunity nor possibility of making up the amount and therefore confessed.

It is stated that the meeting of the directors, which was almost continuous for thirty-six hours, was stormy at times. Several plans were suggested for protecting the interests of the bank. One was to accept the resignation of the president, permit him to go to Europe and the directors to make good the amount of the shortage. This would effectually protect the bank. The proposal met with determined opposition from the directors who demanded that the defaulter be punished. The plan to take up the shortage was then approved. Bigelow was removed from the presidency of the bank and the case was carried to the federal authorities.

When the resolution was adopted for removing Bigelow from the presidency of the bank, Henry Goll, as assistant cashier, was also removed. The removal of the cashier was due to a statement of Bigelow that he had been aided by Goll in concealing the shortage in the bank's accounts.

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ONE MILLION

HEAVY DAMAGE SUITS GROW OUT OF CRIPPLE CREEK MINING TROUBLES.

United States Reduction and Refining Co. and Other Concerns Sue Western Federation of Miners for a Million Dollars.

DENVER, April 24.—Suits for damages aggregating \$1,000,000 were filed in the state and federal courts by the United States Reduction and Refining Company and a number of Cripple Creek mining companies against the Western Federation of Miners and its officers. The complaints all charge the defendants with unlawfully conspiring to injure plaintiffs by preventing the mining and shipment of ore.

JUDGE AMOS M. THAYER DIES.

Jurist Who Wrote Opinion in Famous Northern Securities Case Expires.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Amos Madden Thayer, United States circuit judge for the Eighth judicial district, died tonight after an illness of four months, aged 64 years. He wrote the opinion of the United States court of appeals in the Northern Securities case.

DENIAL IN TOTO

RUSSIA ASSERTS THAT FRANCE ADDRESSED NO COMMUNICATION TO HER.

Rojstvensky Was Not Ordered to Leave Territorial Waters—Japs Fuss With China—No Confirmation of Reported Cannonade.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The admiralty professes to have no information as to whether Vice Admiral Rojstvensky is waiting for Nebogatoff's detachment and say the matter is entirely in his hands and he has not communicated his determination. Naval men do not expect a junction of Nebogatoff with Rojstvensky. They suggest that the transport fleet may be left to care for the slow but powerful ships of Nebogatoff's detachment while Rojstvensky tries conclusions with Togo.

The official telegraph agency issues the following notice: "We are in a position to assert that there is no truth in the announcement of the Tokio foreign office concerning Rojstvensky's fleet. The French governor general at Cochin-China has addressed no inquiry to the Russian government, nor was any demand made on Rojstvensky to leave the territorial waters, as doubtless he most punctiliously observed all rules of neutrality."

London, April 24.—The Telegraph's Tokio correspondent sends the following dispatch: "Japan is vigorously protesting against the preparations of flight from Shanghai of the Russian cruiser Askold. It is feared that more difficulties may arise on account of China's inability to enforce neutrality with the report of the Russian Pacific squadron coaling off Hainan."

PARIS, April 24.—The foreign office and other government departments were closed today in connection with the Easter holidays, which, with the Easter adjournments in both branches of parliament and the departure of President Loubet and most of the ministers, except Foreign Minister Delcasse, to attend the unveiling of the Gambetta statue at Bordeaux, resulted in a period of calm after the excitement attending the DeCasse incident. The foreign office was open briefly at noon, when it was said there was no confirmation received of the reported cannonade outside Kanranh bay during the night of April 22, the day on which Rojstvensky left the coast of Annam. "A man to do when the doorbell won't ring?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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ANOTHER SLUMP

MAY WHEAT GOES OFF SEVEN POINTS IN DAY'S SELLING.

Sensational Decline is Result of General Liquidation by Bull John W. Gates—Millions of Bushels Change Hands—Market Steadies.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Wheat for May delivery sold down to 92½¢ per bushel, a decrease of 7½¢ as compared with Saturday's closing quotations. At the close the market rallied to 93 cents.

The sensational decline of today, following the big break of last week, is the result of a general liquidation participated in by John W. Gates, the erstwhile Bull leader. Millions of bushels of May wheat changed ownership during the day's exciting session. At the close of trading it was claimed by close observers that all of the enormous line held by the Wall Street clique had been liquidated. The market steadied later in the day on the improved demand, Armour & Co. being credited with heavy purchases in both May and July options.

THE LAST WEEK

EILERS PIANO SALE STARTED WITH A LOOM YESTERDAY.

Three Fine Pianos Were Sold and Delivered, Which is Pretty Good for Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hager purchased an elegant art style Schumann in Santo Domingo mahogany the music desk beautifully draped in hand carved mahogany, trusses and all trimmings genuine mahogany. This magnificent piano is in keeping with their beautiful home. Mr. W. M. Welch secured that beautiful antique oak Schumann piano that has been admired by so many people the last week.

Mr. P. A. Rolin bought a fine Marshall & Wendell burr walnut. This week winds up our special sale of high grade pianos in Salem and you cannot afford to hesitate if you want to avail yourself of an exceptional bargain. Scan the list and see if you will ever have a better assortment to select from: Chickering, Weber, Hobart M. Cable, Story & Clark, Schuman, and many other makes, all to go at big reductions in prices. We have only two used upright pianos left; one for \$110, the other for \$167, both of them snaps. We have an elegant square piano taken in exchange yesterday which will be sold for a song. This piano is in good shape, splendid tone and easy action. If you can use a square piano come and see it. No question but what you will take it at the price we will put on it. We have only one organ left. It is a new one in an oak case. Can be bought at a price you would usually have to pay for a second hand organ.

ANSWER CHARGE

WRIGHT AND MONTE APPEAR IN COURT AND ENTER PLEAS OF "NOT GUILTY."

District Attorney McNary Asks Court to Set Murder Case for Trial on May 22, to Which Attorneys for the Defense Object.

When department No. 1 of the circuit court was convened in adjourned session at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Harry Wright and Charles Monte, the men accused of furnishing the guns to Tracy and Merrill, with which they accomplished their sensational escape from the Oregon penitentiary, appeared to answer the indictments returned against them by the Marion county grand jury, and by which they are charged with the crime of murder in the first degree. Both defendants, through their attorneys, entered pleas of "not guilty," after which District Attorney McNary asked the court to set the cases for trial on May 22 at 1 o'clock p. m. To this Attorneys P. H. D'Arcy and E. J. Bigger, who will defend Wright and Monte respectively, objected and stated that they could

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LOTTERY COMPANIES RAIDED.

Government Officials Arrest Employees and Take Ticket Honduras People.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Acting under instructions from Washington, the federal officials today began what is declared an active campaign against lottery companies. Officers connected with the United States marshal's office, the secret service and postoffice raided the local agencies of the Honduras and Mexican lotteries and surprised the employees in the act of handling a large quantity of tickets. Papers and packages were also secured as evidence, number of the employees were arrested.

FEUD BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

Dave Burton Is Shot Down by Newt Walker in Duel on Streets.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 24.—The feud between the two well known mountain families, the Walkers and the Burtons, and extending over a period of two decades, broke out again in the wake of the flying arrow contest week at Newt Walker and Dave Burton fought a duel in the street, resulting in the instant death of Burton and his companion, a man named Ragsby. Ten or a dozen shots were fired before Burton fell. Walker made his escape and is now in hiding in the mountains. This is the third of the Burton boys to die a violent death.

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PLANS MOVE INTO KOREA

TOKIO, April 22.—It is reported from various sources that the Russian army is concentrating their forces in the vicinity of Poo-sai bay and are planning to cross the Tumen river, then move southward into northeastern Korea. The numerical strength of the Russian forces is variously estimated.

TWO TEAMS IN RUNAWAY.

G. Stolz's Team Runs, Bumps Capital Improvement Co.'s Outfit, Which Joins the Mad Rush.

Two lively runaways, in one of which Walter Lennon, driver of one of Gideon Stolz's teams, sustained a broken leg, added to the excitement of yesterday's busy day in this city.

The Stolz team, with Lennon on the seat, started from the cider works on Ferry street yesterday morning, and in turning into the street upset the wagon, throwing Lennon to the ground and breaking his leg just above the ankle. The maddened horses continued on their way up the street, banging the overturned wagon along the road until the reach broke, leaving the rear wheels in the street, while the body of the wagon and front wheels followed in the wake of the flying arrow. Just west of Commercial street they collided with the big dray team of the Capital Improvement Company, which was quite sufficient to start that hitch on a career quite as wild as that of the first. The Stolz team continued down to Front street, to State and onto High, where it made a run for the depot, and was held up. The animals were not injured but there was little left of the wagon.

Meanwhile the Capital Improvement Company's team had been doing a stunt that eclipsed that of the Stolz team. It didn't get far but it did things as far as it went. Starting from in front of Baker & Company's store, the team piled the wagon into a telephone pole, smashing the doubletrees and harness and freeing the horses, who continued on into Front street. They were caught by the police, and Mr. Lennon, whose leg was broken, was taken to the Florence Sanitarium.

PURGATORY RIVER IS RISING.

Trinidad Without Water and Santa Fe Road Again Threatened With Heavy Loss.

TRINIDAD, April 24.—Two feet of wet snow covers this section and the indications tonight are that the storm is not yet over, as the weather is still threatening. Purgatory river, which overflowed its banks last fall and caused damage to the Santa Fe railroad to the extent of half a million dollars, is rising rapidly and grave fears are entertained that the devastation will be repeated. Owing to the destruction of the water main supplying Trinidad, the business section of the city is entirely without water. The main cannot be repaired until the river recedes.

Have You Seen 'Em?

Have you seen our new Spring Suits—Coats extra long, wide collars and lapels, shapely shoulders, wide trousers, with all the late kinks in the cut, and tailoring?

If you have not seen them, you are missing something. They are hand tailored throughout—the best that best makers can make.

The Swellest Suits of the Season are Here

Single and Double Breasted—in the new brown and gray mixtures—or in broken checks and stripes.

Our Spring Suit display will certainly be a feast for the man who wishes style and durability at a moderate cost, say \$12.50 to \$15.00.

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Are just the thing for all your Boys and Girls who are not over 6 years old.

The most economical garment you can buy for him.

50 Cents.

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