

Resources of National Banks Show Increase

Statement From White House Says Conditions Indicate "Most Satisfactory Turn Since End of 1919."

Washington, Feb. 18.—Resources of the national banks of the country, exclusive of rediscounts, amounting to \$19,420,000,000 at the last call on December 31, showed an increase of \$406,000,000 over the previous call in September, according to an analysis issued last night by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger.

The condition of the national banks in December, he described as "very satisfactory" and called attention to the fact that in September their resources had more or less steadily declined from their peak of \$22,711,000 in December, 1919.

Conditions of national banks as reported by Mr. Crissinger, were said, in a formal statement issued last night by the White House, to show "the most satisfactory turn in the financial affairs of the country that has been registered by a bank statement since the conclusion of 1919."

"It demonstrated," the statement said, "that the process of liquidation has been proceeding at such a rapid rate that it may fairly be said that we are well on the road to getting the 'frozen credits' thawed out. In this regard, indeed, it is by far the most satisfactory showing that has been made since the phrase 'frozen credits' was invented."

Loans and discounts of the national banks on December 31, 1921, exclusive of rediscounts of \$523,006,000, amounted to \$10,981,783,000, an increase over the amount reported September 6, 1921, of \$4,169,000, but a reduction from the amount on December 29, 1920, of \$11,113,512,000.

Cash in vaults amounting to \$341,811,000 was reduced between September 6 and December 31, 1921, by \$15,987,000.

Individual deposits exclusive of United States government deposits of \$188,089,000, amounted to \$12,356,271,000, and were greater than the amount reported September 6, 1921, by \$322,811,000, but a reduction since December 29, 1920, of \$780,741,000.

The aggregate of all deposits was \$15,075,102,000, or \$514,250,000 more than on September 6, 1921, and \$1,202,655,000 less than on December 29, 1920.

War Against Ship Worm Declared by Scientists

New York, Feb. 18.—The National Research Council and the Engineering foundation yesterday united in a national attack on the ship worm, which, after boring its way through hundreds of millions of dollars worth of marine property on the Pacific coast, now has widened its way into the northern Atlantic.

New York and Chesapeake bay committees will be formed immediately with subsequent creation of militant organizations at all the principal Atlantic and Gulf ports.

Yesterday's meeting was called after Alfred D. Flinn, secretary of the foundation, reported that what seemed to be the true Holland ship worm, or teredo navalis, had been found on a submerged craft in Barnegat bay, New Jersey, and at Bay-side, L. I.

Plan to Reorganize Government Delayed

Washington, Feb. 18.—The tentative scheme for reorganization of the government departments as worked out by a commission headed by Walter F. Brown of Ohio and which is now before President Harding was described yesterday in official circles as so full of difficulties that considerable time would be required before the plan was ready for submission to congress.

Less than half the president's official family were said to have been able to agree on the details of the reorganization plan and they were described as desiring more time to formulate plans on which unanimous action would be taken before the matter was sent to congress.

Woodrow Wilson Fund Over Half Subscribed

New York, Feb. 18.—More than \$300,000, half the amount which will make up the fund, has been subscribed to the Woodrow Wilson foundation, it was announced today by Franklin D. Roosevelt, chairman of the national committee. The half-way mark was passed February 15, Mr. Roosevelt said, and the amount subscribed has not been recorded.

New York state leads in money subscribed, but North Carolina is first in proportion to its quota. Oregon has raised more than half its quota.

Civil War in Florida County Seen by Sheriff

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 18.—The sheriff of Baker county appealed today to Duval county authorities for help in coping with a situation at MacCleny, 30 miles west of here, which, he said, threatens to develop into civil warfare as the culmination of the shooting to death there this morning of Jake Wilkinson, the kidnaping last week of a man named Williams, and the recent mysterious disappearance of T. R. Henderson, former banker and wealthy naval stores operator.

Villa Ties for Chance to Settle Old Grievance

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—Francisco Villa, former bandit chief, has asked permission to lead his men against Gen. Rosendo Hernandez, who was reported several days ago in rebellion in the state of Chihuahua.

Dark Chapter in Mysterious Life of William Desmond Taylor Is Unveiled



William Desmond Taylor and Betty Compton photographed when Taylor was directing Miss Compton in her latest picture.

A hitherto unpublished chapter in the eventful life of William Cunningham Deane-Tanner, known to the motion picture world as William Desmond Taylor, film director, who was found mysteriously slain in his Hollywood bungalow, is revealed in the following fascinating tale as written exclusively for Universal Service by H. M. Horkheimer, a leading figure in the motion picture industry.

Mr. Horkheimer was perhaps closer to the murdered director than any other living person and was the man who started Taylor on his career as a motion picture director.

He relates for the first time the story of the mystery man's early life as it was told to him by Taylor himself six years ago.

Mabel Normand, Mary Miles Minter and other prominent figures in the Hollywood film colony who have been questioned in the investigation of Taylor's death are absolved of implication in the tragedy by Mr. Horkheimer who believes a man—a blackmailer—holds the key to the mystery.

The writer was one of the pioneers in the American film industry and for years was head of the Balboa Film company.

By H. M. HORKHEIMER. (Copyright, 1922, by Universal Service.) New Orleans, La., Feb. 18.—I knew William Desmond Taylor intimately. He was my friend and it was to me alone that he bared the story of his life. The public should not judge William Taylor as a gay Lothario. Instead, he was quite the opposite. He did not seek the company of women. Instead, they sought him.

From boyhood he was naturally shy, modest and retiring, but because of his wonderful character, personal magnetism and charm women were drawn to him. I desire to emphasize the fact that not one of the women mentioned in this terrible affair in any way was connected with his death.

I do not say this because of my connections with the motion picture industry. I do not say this because of any desire to absolve members of the motion picture profession, but I do say it in the cause of righteousness and justice.

The Dark Chapter. The hand that struck down William Desmond Taylor is a hand that in the years that have elapsed since he came to America from Ireland had ever pursued and blackmailed him with threats of revealing the dark chapter in his past that I will now unveil.

Let us turn back the clock of time five or six years to the day when William Desmond Taylor first appeared in the motion picture world in California. At that time he was an actor with the Vitagraph company. He played his role well and took desperate chances with his life in making pictures. After watching him play I met him and offered him a position. He accepted and came to work at my studio.

Taylor wanted to become a director and constantly approached me on this matter. I decided to let him direct a picture in order to test his ability at the old Balboa studio on Long Beach, Cal. There Bill Taylor got his start as a motion picture director. As I grew to know the man better my interest in him increased and I determined to learn more of him, of his hopes and ambitions and of his qualifications as a director.

In Deadly Earnest. One day I called him into my office and asked: "Bill, tell me something of your past and give me some instance in your experience that will prove I should let you direct pictures."

Taylor hesitated. For a time he seemed lost in memories. Finally he spoke: "Mr. Horkheimer, I want your word of honor that you will never divulge what I am going to tell you, as long as I live. Do you promise?"

The man was in deadly earnest. I promised, and then and there he told of the dark chapter in his past which has been as a 'closed book' to the world, and doubtless cost him his life. I am relating it as he told it to me.

Engaged to Wed. William Taylor came from a fine old Irish family entire into many of the best homes in England and Ireland. As a young man he was engaged to a beautiful young girl of one of the most aristocratic families in the section in which he resided.

The prospective sister-in-law of Taylor was married to a man much older than herself, and their marriage could hardly have been called a love match. The young married woman was fond of gambling and often lost heavily at cards. Unfortunately, there was among the society set, of which she was a member, what Taylor termed a "parasite." To this man she had become heavily indebted and she had given

him checks on various occasions to discharge her gambling obligations. These obligations, the man who attempted to induce her to marry him, was aware of and he was determined to pay her debt. She was to rob him on a night when her fair was being held and when the number of guests were present.

When the affair was over and the guests had retired for the night, it being a week-end party, the young married woman undressed, slipped on a dressing gown, took a pistol from her desk and stole quietly down the stairs to the library where the safe was located.

Knowing the combination of the safe as a depository for her jewels, she noiselessly opened it. After removing a large sum of money she was startled by a noise behind her. She turned and came face to face with William Desmond Taylor.

It was a tense moment and she hesitatingly brandished the little revolver she gripped in her hand. Ignoring the weapon Taylor stepped forward and took the money from her and in low tones explained the meaning of the terrible thing she was doing. He urged her to permit him to place the money and bonds back in the safe and promised to try and find some other way of paying her debt.

Lurking in the shadows of the big library, unobserved, was the gambler. He had watched every movement of the girl and noted the advent of Taylor. Swiftly the fiend laid his plans. He conceived the idea of exposing Taylor as the real thief, knowing him to be in love with the sister of the woman.

Rushing from his hiding place he deliberately upset furniture and created so much confusion that the other occupants of the house were aroused. Guests and servants immediately poured into the library.

Gallant to the Last. The lights were flashed on revealing a strange scene. Near the safe, holding the money and bonds in his hands, stood Taylor. Beside him, scantily clad in her bodice robe, was the wife of the host.

In a dramatic voice the gambler accused Taylor of robbing the safe. The blanching and trembling she told a story of having heard a noise in the library and of taking the revolver and rushing down the stairs to investigate. She said she found Taylor there before the open safe, the money and securities in his hands.

"Is this true?" the husband inquired of Taylor. Taylor, gallant to the last, glanced at the woman who accused him and then at her beautiful sister to whom he was engaged. Men who have fought and died on the battle fields were no greater heroes than William Taylor proved himself to be in that moment of martyrdom.

Silent Through All. Those who remain silent. His wife refused to believe the charges of the gambler was considered an admission of guilt. The police were notified and he was taken to jail. His friends shunned him, his relatives were grieved, but through it all he remained silent. The guilty woman, torn with remorse, unable to sleep at night for thoughts of the innocent man in jail for the crime she committed, went to his cell and begged that she be permitted to tell the truth. Taylor refused and persuaded her to stick to her story. Taylor was tried, convicted of the robbery and sentenced to three years in prison. Within the grim walls of the penitentiary he atoned for the crime of another.

After his release he came to America and located in New York. Close to his heels was the gambler. The past that he sought to bury and forget was swung over his head like the sword of Damocles. For 20 years the man instrumental in sending him to prison, the man who held the key to the closet that housed the family skeleton, bled him for more money under threats of exposure of his past. Always the shadow of this blackmailer was upon him.

President Asks Advice of Senate on German Treaty

Harding Seeks Opinion in regard to Reviving Patents Pact, Terminated Upon Declaration of War.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Harding, in a formal message to the senate yesterday asked its advice on the question of reviving by executive request the patents treaty with Germany which was negotiated on February 23, 1909, but which automatically lapsed with the declaration of war in 1917.

His action in this respect was considered as somewhat unusual, inasmuch as the president, by a mere formal request, can revive treaties which were in existence when war was declared, provided the terms such request within six months of the ratification of the treaties of peace terminating the state of war.

At the White House, however, it was explained that the president had two courses open, for he could either revive the patents treaty by the executive request or could negotiate an entirely new treaty covering the subject. For this reason, it was added, he desired to give the senate the same opportunity of advising what it would have if an entirely new treaty were to be negotiated, although the longer step of negotiating a new treaty on patents was not expected to be taken in this instance.

The treaty, it was explained, covers reciprocity in the matter of the protection of patents between the United States and Germany and its revival, it is understood, will automatically restore the status existing prior to the declaration of a state of war. It provides, among other things, that the law regarding the non-working of a patent with invalidation or some other restriction of right, shall only be applied to the citizens of the contracting party within the limits of the restriction imposed by the said contracting party upon its own citizens.

It is further provided in the treaty that the working of a patent, designed or modeled in the territory of one of the contracting parties shall be regarded as equivalent to its working in the territory of the other party.

\$25,000 Fire Threatens Stockyards in K. C., Kan.

Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 18.—Fire department officials today were inspecting the ruins of a stretch of stock yards pens here destroyed by a spectacular fire last night.

For a time the flames threatened to spread, but a high wind which prevailed died down in about two hours and the flames were soon placed under control.

Officer Slain in Break From Lunatic Asylum

Cork, Feb. 18.—An engineer lieutenant named James Jellicoe, missing since Monday, was killed in a mysterious manner yesterday. He was seen to be running from the gates of a lunatic asylum in the city pursued by two men firing revolvers when he fell. It was found later he had been shot through the head and heart.

The allegation is made that Jellicoe had been detained in the asylum by republicans.

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Former Clerk at Arms Conference Broke and in New York Jail

New York, Feb. 18.—Stephen T. Murphy, 26, a former clerk at the arms conference, was in jail last night, awaiting \$100 from his parents, reputed to be wealthy and prominent residents of Washington, with which to pay his fine and escape two days imprisonment. The young man was arrested yesterday when he asked alms of Detective Edward Lorch.

A letter in his pocket, signed by Secretary Hughes, told of his appointment to a position at the conference. A second missive was from another State department official, terminating the employment at the end of the conference.

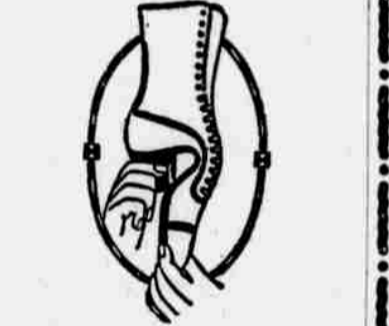
Mr. Murphy is a college graduate and a linguist and served in the navy during the war.

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How to Be Pleasant

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Good Carpet Brooms, 29c

Qt. Bottle Marvo Cedar Oil, 49c

Guaranteed Electric Irons, \$3.95

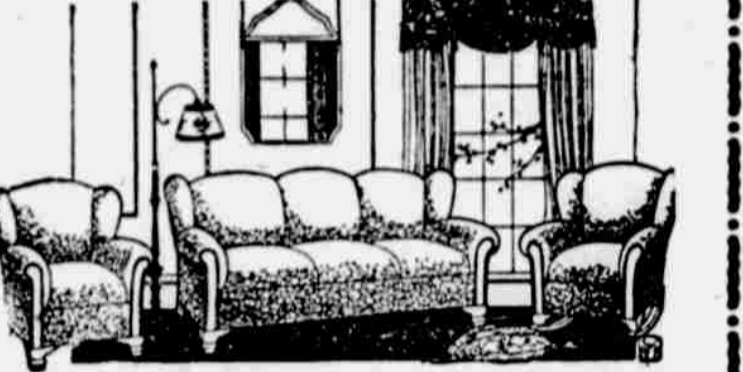
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