

CHICAGO BANK FAILS

MILWAUKEE AVENUE CONCERN CLOSES ITS DOORS.

President Stensland and Chasier Hering Are Fugitives—One Depositor Drops Dead While Another Kills Himself—Riotous Scenes Follow.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—With a deficit in its accounts estimated close to a million dollars, and with the whereabouts of two of its highest officials unknown to the authorities, the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, one of the largest outlying banks in the city, was closed by State Bank Examiner O. O. Jones.

The failure was responsible for the death of one of the depositors and led to the suicide of another man who a month ago had placed his earnings of a lifetime in the institution for safe keeping. In the excitement following the announcement of the failure J. G. Visser, an official of the Royal league, who had on deposit in the bank funds of that organization, fell dead of heart failure. Henry Koepke, a small grocer on hearing that the bank had suspended payment, went to the rear of his store and shot himself. He died a few minutes later while being removed to a hospital.

Riotous scenes followed the announcement of the failure, and a large force of police struggled all day to keep an excited crowd of depositors—nearly all of them foreigners and many of them women—from bursting in the doors of the institution. The fact that the bank was on the verge of failure was first revealed by President Paul O. Stensland, one of the absent officials. A letter to his son, Theodore, who is vice president, written from St. Paul and received last Saturday, started the investigation which brought about the suspension. Another sensational feature of the affair was the disappearance of the cashier, Henry W. Hering, and the issuing of a warrant for his arrest on a charge of embezzlement. A message ordering his apprehension was sent to every police station in the city.

The news spread rapidly throughout the entire northwest side of the city, where the bank has been for years a popular depository for funds saved by working people. Soon a clamorous crowd gathered before the doors and demanded admission. Anticipating trouble, a score of police was hurried to the scene. The people were permitted to file past the doors bearing the posted notice and were compelled to keep moving. Only those having keys to safety deposit vaults were allowed to enter. Many burst into tears when they found that their savings were endangered or lost. Visser, to whom the shock proved fatal, was several blocks from the bank. Hearing the rumor he stepped into a drug store seeking particulars. He fell dead when assured that the bank had failed.

An examination of the bank's affairs was begun quietly last Saturday after receipt of the letter from President Stensland. Acting upon instructions contained therein Vice President Theodore Stensland opened a deposit box and discovered proofs that the bank funds were in bad shape. President Potter, of the American Trust and Savings bank, which acted as clearing agent for the defunct institution, was called into consultation. The state auditor was notified and immediately sent Bank Examiner Jones to make a full investigation.

Fictitious notes to the amount of \$700,000 are said to figure in the story of the bank's troubles. Disastrous speculation in real estate and in the security market is said to be responsible.

The institution was known as a "family bank." The Stensland family, for years well known residents of the northwest side, owned much of the stock, and members of the family operated the bank. It was organized in 1891 with a paid up capital of \$250,000. A statement made by Vice President Stensland showed \$1,051,000 in cash on hand. He said that the bank carried deposits of \$4,200,000 and had 22,000 depositors.

Nine Inches of Rain in Texas. Houston, Aug. 7.—Reports from Ballinger, 400 miles west of here, are to the effect that nine inches of rain fell during the past twenty-four hours over an area including several hundred square miles. The Colorado river and Elm creek are higher than ever before. Santa Fe railroad bridges are being swept away and in places the track is under twenty feet of water. It is believed here there has been heavy loss of live stock. Telegraph wires are down and the devastated sections cannot be heard from. Relief trains are being sent out from Temple.

Demented Woman Starts Fatal Fire. South Bend, Ind., Aug. 7.—As a result of a craving for fire Mrs. H. E. Denslow, demented, was burned to death. Dr. H. E. Denslow and Mrs. Eugene Balfour were probably fatally burned and Mrs. G. E. Hunt and child were seriously burned. Mrs. Denslow, taking advantage of a temporary re-

lease from her husband's watchfulness, poured gasoline on the parlor carpet and applied a match. She was at once enveloped in flames. The others were burned while trying to rescue the burning woman.

Fatal Storm at Harrisburg. Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 7.—A terrific rain and wind storm struck Harrisburg, instantly killing Charles M. Richwine and Chic Befnandi, and injuring several employes of Pawnee Bill's Wild West show.

RUSSIAN STRIKE A FIASCO. Leaders Waiting for Some Action on Part of Railroad Men.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—In the light of developments the general strike may almost be regarded as a fiasco. The summons to go out has met some response in Moscow, where the printers and the street car men and part of the employes of the gas, water and electric light plants quit work, but



PREMIER STOLYPIN.

these are more than offset by the defections in St. Petersburg. An enthusiastic acceptance to the order to strike is nowhere recorded. Even in the Donetz mining district, where practically all the miners are already out, the factory hands declined to strike.

The revolutionists may yet possibly be saved by the railroad men, but the central committees of the railroad men have not yet reached a final decision, and up to the present time, in spite of the frantic efforts of the agitators, not a single important line of the empire is affected.

The organizers of the strike are in despair over the prospects of failure. Some already counsel calling the strike off in an effort to save prestige, but the majority is waiting in the last hope for some action on the part of the railroad men.

The League of True Russian People has sent an appeal to Premier Stolypin against the removal of the restrictions upon the attendance of Jews at the university and higher educational institutions of the country.

PULAJANES BREAK CORDON.

Outlaws on Leyte Burn Municipal Building and Kill Officers.

New York, Aug. 7.—A special from Manila says: One hundred and fifty Pulajanes pierced the military cordon, burned the municipal building, killed the ex-president of the town, two former members of the constabulary and three policemen at Abuyon, island of Leyte. One hundred soldiers and constabulary are in pursuit of the raiders. Major Crawford and Captain Knauber, with a lieutenant and eight constabulary men, were ambushed by the Igorrotes while shooting the rapids of the Abulung river, in northern Luzon, on a bamboo raft. Major Crawford and Captain Knauber and five men were wounded with arrows. They were unable to return the fire because the enemy was hidden on the wooded banks of the river. The outbreak is inexplicable, as hitherto the Igorrotes have been peaceable.

Arguing the Hartje Case.

Pittsburg, Aug. 7.—The arguments in the Hartje divorce case were begun. In expectation of a series of brilliant speeches on the part of the attorneys in the case the court room was filled with auditors. The principals were in attendance.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Complaints that wheat is sprouting in the shocks in the southwest caused a strong tone in the local wheat market today. At the close September wheat was up 1/4c. Corn was up 1/4c. Oats showed a gain of 1/4c. Provisions were 2 1/2c to 5c higher. Closing prices: Wheat—Sept., 72 1/2@73c. Corn—Sept., 49 1/2c. Oats—Sept., 31 1/2c. Pork—Sept., \$17.00. Lard—Sept., \$8.90. Ribs—Sept., \$9.22.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Aug. 6.—Cattle receipts, 6,500; steady to stronger; native steers, \$4.00@6.00; cows and heifers, \$2.75@4.00; western steers, \$3.00

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Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Cattle receipts, 23,000; best 15c higher; others steady; common to prime steers, \$3.90@6.50; cows, \$2.75@4.50; heifers, \$2.50@5.25; bulls, \$2.00@4.30; calves, \$3.00@6.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.60@4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 38,000; best light, steady; others, 5c lower; choice to prime heavy, \$6.40@6.55; medium to good heavy, \$6.10@6.35; butcher weights, \$6.45@6.70; good to choice heavy mixed, \$6.10@6.35. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; strong; sheep, \$4.25@5.50; lambs, \$6.00@7.85.

THREE NEGROES STRUNG UP.

Alleged Slayers of Lyerly Family Victims of Mob Vengeance.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 7.—A mob of 3,000 men last night forcibly entered Rowan county jail at Salisbury, removed therefrom three of the five negroes charged with the murder of the Lyerly family at Barber Junction, July 13, and lynched them. Nease and John Gillespie and Jack Dillingham, supposed to be the principals in the crime, were the victims of mob vengeance. The remaining negroes, Henry Lee, George Envin and Bella Dillingham, were not molested.

The mob began gathering at sundown. Mayor Boyden promptly ordered the saloons closed and with other prominent citizens, Senator Overman, Judge Long, who was to try the negroes, and Solicitor Hammer, gathered on the jail steps and addressed the crowd, which at that time numbered 2,000. There were howls and cat-calls from the mob, but for a time there was no move—the mob lacked a leader. While citizens were appealing to the mob two men slipped through the crowd and attempted to break in the jail doors with hammers. They were discovered and arrested. About 9 o'clock Mayor Boyden called upon the local militia company for aid. They assembled quickly, but were supplied only with blank cartridges, having no orders to shoot to kill. Fireman McLendon of Charlotte, a Southern railway employe, was shot and fatally wounded by a member of the mob. Will Troutman, a negro drayman, was also shot and seriously wounded. Both of the shootings are claimed to have been accidental.

At 10 o'clock the mob was augmented by fully 500 men, who came, it is said from Whitney. It was but a few minutes after their arrival when a crowd of fifty, forming a sort of flying wedge, made a rush for the jail doors, overpowered the officers and effected an entrance. The great crowd outside surged in behind the leaders and in a few moments more emerged from the door with their victims and marched northward.

A halt was made at Henderson's ball grounds on the edge of town. There the negroes were given time to confess the crime. They refused either to deny or confess, and were so thoroughly frightened as almost to have lost the power of speech. John Gillespie wept piteously and begged for his life. Finally at midnight the three were strung up to the limbs of one tree and with howls and curses the crowd riddled the dangling bodies with bullets. The mob then dispersed.

WESTERN CONGRESS TO MEET.

Transmississippians Will Discuss Important Measures at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Aug. 6.—The official call for the seventeenth annual session of the Transmississippi Commercial congress, to meet here Nov. 20, 21, 22 and 23 next, was issued by the executive committee. The congress promises to be the most important since its organization. Many great questions are to be considered.

In issuing this call the executive committee directs attention to the necessity for some concerted action upon the great question affecting navigation upon the rivers of the trans-Mississippi states. In various sections of the trans-Mississippi region there are many natural waterways which only need government aid to make them commercial factors in the up-building of the state to which they are tributary. Therefore the executive committee places the subject of river navigation upon the program as a question of great importance.

Under the reclamation act millions of acres of arable land in the trans-Mississippi country are in process of

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reclamation, involving the equally important question of suitable immigration for these lands. The executive committee is therefore requested to bring this matter to the attention of the Transmississippi Commercial congress.

Inasmuch as recent agitation, both at home and abroad, has had an effect detrimental to the live stock interest of the trans-Mississippi states, the executive committee has placed this subject upon the program with the hope that out of a multiplicity of counsel some right conclusions may be reached beneficial to this most important branch of western industry.

Already thirteen governors have accepted invitations to attend and address the convention, including Governors Cummins of Iowa, Davis of Arkansas, Hoch of Kansas, Folk of Missouri and Pardee of California.

Judge Lindsey May Probe Fraud.

Denver, Aug. 7.—Judge Booth M. Malone in the district court refused to grant a writ of prohibition forbidding Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the Denver county court from investigating the alleged frauds in the May election, by means of which it is charged by the municipal ownership league, the Denver tramway and Denver Gas and Electric company franchises were granted by the voters of the city. The investigation will begin in the county court tomorrow unless the supreme court interferes.

Chicago Wins a Victory.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Chicago has won a victory in its fight with the railroads to become a milling center. After August 27 western roads will not accept a lower rate for transporting flour than they get for hauling wheat. This action removes one discrimination against Chicago, and Minneapolis, Kansas City and other western milling cities will lose an advantage which they formerly had.

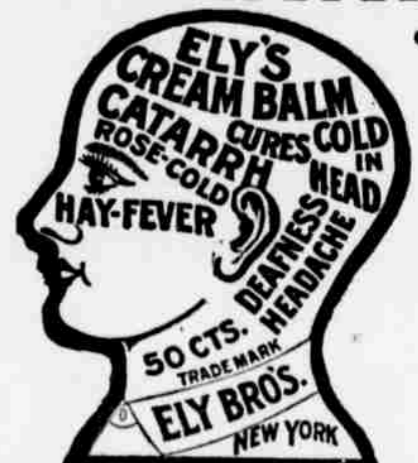
Colonel John Hoever Dead.

Geneva, Neb., Aug. 4.—Colonel John S. Hoever of Bluehill, Neb., died there at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Barthold Koecher, after a lingering illness of several weeks. Colonel Hoever was a veteran of the civil war, and at its close served as aid on the staff of General John A. Logan.

Nebraska Guards Off for Fort Riley

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 4.—Seventeen companies of the Nebraska National guard from all over the state left Lincoln for Fort Riley, Kan., to take part in the maneuvers of national and state troops beginning today. Adjutant General Culver left with the troops. Governor Mickey will join them the latter part of next week.

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