

A NEW FINANCIAL SCHEME.

THE CARLISLE BILL IS TO BE WITHDRAWN.

TO BE REPLACED BY A SUBSTITUTE.

Important Changes in Regard to the Bond Matter and the Liability of Banks for One Another Agreed Upon—The Bill Being Made Ready—Heard of a Democratic Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Carlisle currency bill, now before the house of representatives, will be withdrawn and a substitute presented. The decision was reached after a caucus of the Democratic members of the banking and currency committee quietly held last night, followed by a conference between Secretary Carlisle and Chairman Springer.

The caucus of the banking and currency committee Democrats, at which the decision was reached, was held at the committee room, the following members being present: Messrs. Springer, Cox, Culberson, Sperry, Warner, Cobb of Alabama and Ellis. The absentees were: Messrs. Cobb and Hall of Missouri, and Johnson of Ohio.

The discussion took a wide range and the sentiment was general that the bill would have to be materially changed in order to meet the objections and command a support which would secure its passage.

The needed amendments were formulated and it was arranged that Mr. Springer should see Secretary Carlisle to-day and submit the contemplated changes. When Secretary Carlisle and Mr. Springer met to-day it was determined that the better plan would be to frame a new measure in the shape of a substitute instead of mutilating the bill with many amendments which went to its vital principles.

Accordingly, the substitute was agreed on in full and, as soon as it can be copied and put into proper form, it will be presented to the house and will thenceforth be the bill on which the currency debate is to proceed.

TWO IMPORTANT CHANGES. Two very important features make their appearance for the first time in the substitute. The main one will have the effect of allowing the national banking system to run along without an arbitrary provision that banks must organize under the new system.

The original Carlisle bill contemplating that all national banks must reorganize under the new plan. This would have forced them to surrender the government bonds which now constitute the basis of their circulation. Under the substitute, if national banks wish to continue to hold their United States bonds and issue circulation thereon, they may do so. It is felt that they will soon discover the advantages of the new system and will therefore adopt it voluntarily.

The other important feature is that it does away with the unknown liability of banks to guarantee the notes of all other banks. This feature of the original bill has been much criticised. It contemplated that if a national bank failed its notes would be paid out of its assets, and the deficit made out of the "general safety fund," and if this should not be enough to pay the notes of the failed bank, then the comptroller of the currency should make a pro rata assessment on all the banks of the country.

The bankers said that this plan placed before them an unknown risk. In effect it made them supply insurance on all the notes of banks in which they had no concern. In view of these criticisms the substitute will do away with the assessment plan. The "safety fund" will be the limit of joint liability of all the banks for the failure of individual banks. They will, however, be compelled to keep up this safety fund by more rigid provisions than appeared in the original bill.

A DEAD WOMAN'S EYES.

Photography Shows an Impression of Her Murderer on the Retina.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Photographic science may have given the first tangible clue to the identity of the murderer of Mrs. Shearman and Mrs. Davis. Several have been the subjects and clues followed up, without success, but yesterday the impression of the murderer was found on the retina of Mrs. Shearman's eye. The photograph was taken by Fred D. Marsh, a local photographer, and to him is due the credit of having originated the idea of examining the organ. The existence of the impression of the murderer on the eye was first discovered by means of a powerful microscope. Unfortunately the features of the man could not be seen, as the view obtained shows only the back and a very little of the side. An apparently big man is presented, with bushy whiskers and wearing a long overcoat. The trousers appear to be badly wrinkled. The coroner has taken out both of the eyes of the murdered woman and another photograph will be taken by a skilled photographer.

Bank Robbers Felled.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Jack Harris, alias Tulsa Jack, and Bitter Creek, two of the boldest members of the Cook gang of bandits, held up a storekeeper in Manchester, Ok., yesterday but secured less than \$30. They rode into Anthony, Harper county, yesterday morning and one of them entered the bank there, evidently with a view to robbing it but there were too many people around and the two bandits jumped on their horses and hurried out of town. On reaching Manchester they went into Wilson's general store and with leveled guns made the proprietor turn over

ROUTED BY A WOMAN.

Miss Fannie Nesbitt of Bonner Springs Puts a Masked Robber to Flight.

BONNER SPRINGS, Kan., Dec. 22.—Miss Fannie Nesbitt, night agent and operator for the Union Pacific railway at this place, was alone at the depot at 3 o'clock this morning when she heard a noise in the waiting room which is separated from the ticket by a partition. Opening the door, she found herself face to face with a masked man who commanded her to keep quiet.

The brave woman sprang back into the ticket office to get her revolver and the intruder grappled with her. In the struggle the would-be robber struck her a blow on the head with the butt of a revolver or some blunt instrument, but even this did not daunt the courage of the young woman.

Miss Nesbitt finally secured her revolver and opened fire. Her assailant fled and she followed him out of the depot, firing her revolver and screaming for help. She did not give up until every chamber of her revolver had disappeared. Then she sank into a chair prostrated. A crowd gathered quickly, and while some cared for her others instituted a search for her assailant, but in vain.

Dr. Lowman of Kansas City, Kas., was summoned and dressed the young woman's injuries, which consist of a painful scalp wound and a slight abrasion of the skull. An artery had been severed on the head from which she bled profusely, and was quite weak from loss of blood, but was not seriously injured.

The robber did not secure a thing of value. He entered the building by breaking a window in the waiting room. The desks and floor in the depot are spattered with blood from Miss Nesbitt's wounds.

WOMAN FOULY MURDERED. Mrs. A. D. Watson of Topeka, Kas., Killed for Her Money.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Late yesterday afternoon the dead body of Mrs. A. D. Watson was found at her house at Fifteenth and Monroe streets, this city, where she had been assaulted and foully murdered ten days ago. A boy who has regularly visited her house to deliver milk reported to the police authorities that a pan in which he had left a pint of milk on the 13th instant at Mrs. Watson's residence was still there and had not been removed. Officers went to the house and, after breaking in through a back door, discovered the body lying on the floor in one of the lower rooms of the building. The woman's skull had been crushed, and sitting in the corner of the room was an axe with which the crime had been committed. About the neck was a strip of carpet securely tied and enough to cause strangulation.

Mrs. Watson lived alone. She was known to have a small amount of money from time to time which she received as rent from several houses she owned in this city. Mrs. Watson was well known in Topeka and highly respected. She was for several years a member of the city board of education from the Fifth ward and took an active interest in the city schools. She was at one time a city teacher. Her husband left her four or five years ago and took up a homestead in California, where he has since lived. Mrs. Watson was a member of the Topeka Equal Suffrage association and a prominent suffrage worker.

LEO ON SECRET SOCIETIES. A Sweeping Condemnatory Decree Issued—Catholics Must Withdraw.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The edict of Pope Leo placing under the ban the secret societies known as the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance has created greater comment and more extended discussion than anything emanating from Rome since the appointment of Mgr. Sattoli as apostolic delegate.

Hereafter the Roman Catholic who joins any of the three societies mentioned does so under pain of excommunication, and every influence will be exerted on those already affiliated to resign. This action on the part of the church is the result of the council of the archbishops of the United States held in Chicago on September 12, 1893. There the relations between the church and the secret societies were carefully discussed, and at the conclusion documents were forwarded to the pope recommending the action against the three orders in question, whose principles were held to be of a decided anti-Catholic tendency.

The pope, upon receiving these papers, laid them before a conference of cardinals, the endorsement of the American prelates' action resulted, and the pope fixed his seal to a decree of condemnation. This decree was forwarded to Mgr. Sattoli for promulgation in this country, where the interdicted orders exist. It was in the form of a letter in Latin to the archbishops and bishops in the United States, who, in turn, were to notify the priests, who would communicate it to their parishioners. It will be quickly made public all over the country.

CHINA ANXIOUS FOR PEACE. Two Commissioners Appointed to Make Terms with Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Minister Denby cabled the state department to-day that the Chinese government has appointed two peace commissioners, Chang Yin Huan and Fhao, who will proceed at once on their mission from Peking to the Japanese capital.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—It is reported this evening on good authority that direct peace negotiations are proceeding between Peking and Tokio.

One Thousand Rabbits Killed.

LAMAR, Col., Dec. 23.—The most successful of Lamar's annual rabbit hunts took place yesterday. About 100 hunters came in on the night train and left early in the morning for the haunts of the jack rabbits. About 1,000 were killed.

A Banker Commits Suicide.

BREWSTER, Maine, Dec. 22.—F. P. Farrington, treasurer of the Brewer Savings bank and a dry goods merchant, arose at 4 o'clock this morning and shot himself through the head with a revolver. Cause of suicide unknown.

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