

HUGE SWINDLE UNEARTHED.

MANY BANKERS HELD UP FOR BIG SUMS.

ARR WORKED BY TWO LUMBER FIRMS.

Time Drafts for Large Amounts Cashied by Banks in Many Western and in a Few Eastern Cities Just Before the Firms Failed—The Losses Are Between \$150,000 to \$200,000 so far as Known.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 29.—A gigantic fraud which has caught the banks in several commercial centers in the United States was brought to light by its Kansas City ramifications to-day. Its extent, as far as traced, is between \$150,000 and \$200,000 with all the details not yet ascertained.

The persons charged with the perpetration are the lumber firms of J. A. Remir and company of Jefferson, Texas, and George W. Howell and company of Atchison, Kan. Banks in Connecticut, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois are known to have been defrauded and the full extent of the fraud is not yet fully known. In Kansas City the National Bank of Commerce was caught for \$60,000, it was said, but the bank officials deny that it even approximated that amount and refuse to talk about the matter.

The manner in which the swindle was perpetrated was not a complicated one. Each firm drew "accommodation" drafts on the other, due principally in thirty, sixty and ninety days respectively. The firm on which the draft was drawn would accept it. The draft was drawn so as to make the amount in odd dollars and cents for the purpose of giving it the appearance of a draft drawn for the sale or purchase of lumber in the ordinary course of business and not for an accommodation draft which is made simply when one person with good credit desires to indorse for another for accommodation and which is almost certain to be for an amount in round numbers.

These drafts were issued several months ago when the firms had good credit, but were really in failing circumstances. The next step was to go to the banks and, under false representations, get the drafts cashed. About the time the drafts came due the firms failed.

The fact that the drafts were time drafts and not sight drafts prevented attaching the bills of lading to the drafts, as is usual in sight drafts, and covered up the fraud in regard to the misrepresentation that the paper was for accommodation and not for the actual sale of lumber.

The case was brought to the attention of the Jackson county grand jury, which has just closed its deliberations here, and it is said that indictments for obtaining money from the National Bank of Commerce have been found, but members of the grand jury and the county marshal and deputies and the prosecutor will say nothing of the matter.

Among the banks which got some of this bad paper were those in Dallas, Galveston and Houston, Texas, Memphis, Tenn., Chicago, Atchison, Kan., St. Louis, Omaha and some in Connecticut by rediscounting Western banks' paper. It has also been stated that some found its way to Boston.

THE MIDWINTER FAIR OPEN.

Fitting Exercises for the Fine California Enterprise.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—In the presence of thousands of people the California Midwinter fair was thrown open to the public to-day.

Governor Markham had declared January 27 a legal holiday throughout the state, and the day was observed as such. In San Francisco all the banks and business houses closed and everybody was free to go to the fair grounds. Thousands of people were here from all parts of the Pacific coast and the hotels and streets were crowded with strangers. The buildings were profusely decorated with flags and bunting.

THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

All Germany Celebrates the Event in a Fitting Manner.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The 36th birthday of Emperor William was celebrated to-day throughout Germany, more generally than ever before. In addition to the birthday celebration itself, the people celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the entry of the Emperor William into the Prussian army and, above all, the reconciliation which has taken place between the emperor and Prince Bismarck.

Severe Cattle Losses in Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 29.—Reports received at the general office of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass here show that the losses to stock on the range in Southwest Texas from the recent severe winter were much greater than expected. In the counties south and east of here, where the drought was severe and the grazing very poor, thousands of head of weak cattle succumbed to the cold and died on the range. The number of head of stock lost cannot yet be estimated as reports are incomplete.

A. F. A. Secrets Ordered Given Up.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 29.—In the libel suit brought by Bishop Rademacher against the American Eagle, the A. F. A. paper here, Editor Bidwell yesterday refused to give the source of his information which led to his bitter attack on the Catholic Orphans' home. Late in the evening Judge O'Rourke entered an order requiring him to do so, but defendant's counsel filed exceptions and the case went over until this morning.

A meeting of railway representatives has been called to meet at Washington by the Interstate Commerce commission to formulate a rate schedule that will be intelligible.

RAILWAY WAGES IN KANSAS.

The Average Pay to All Employees of the Principal Lines.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 29.—M. D. Henderson, secretary of the state board of railroad commissioners, has given to the state printer the board's annual report and it will be ready for distribution in a few days. An interesting part of it is the average daily wages paid as reported by the several railroad companies of the state. Reports are made for all the roads, including branch lines, but the more important are the figures given by the trunk line companies, as follows: Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe averages—General officers, \$11.39 a day; general office clerks, \$2.16; station agents, \$1.78; engineers, \$4.35; firemen, \$2.58; conductors, \$3.84; other trainmen, \$2.09; machinists, \$2.66; carpenters, \$2.27; other shopmen, \$1.75; section foremen, \$1.63; other trackmen, \$1.27; switchmen, \$2.68; telegraph operators, \$1.97; total average, \$3.94.

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific—General officers (only one in the state), \$25.56; general office clerks, \$3.62; station agents, \$1.95; engineers, \$4.23; firemen, \$2.60; conductors, \$3.94; other trainmen, \$2.25; machinists, \$2.07; carpenters, \$2.13; other shopmen, \$1.65; section foremen, \$1.88; other trackmen, \$1.24; switchmen, \$2.51; telegraph operators, \$2.32. Total, \$1.99.

Chicago, Burlington and Quincy—General officers, \$10.34; general office clerks, \$2.61; station agents, \$1.67; engineers, \$2.89; firemen, \$1.70; conductors, \$2.96; other trainmen, \$2.17; machinists, \$2.14; carpenters, \$2.05; other shopmen, \$1.64; section foremen, \$1.49; other trackmen, \$1.16; switchmen, \$1.85; telegraph operators, \$1.82. Total, \$1.73.

Union Pacific—General officers, \$9.87; general office clerks, \$2.69; station agents, \$2.45; conductors, \$3.87; other trainmen, \$2.43; machinists, \$3.25; carpenters, \$2.50; other shopmen, \$2.31; section foremen \$1.95; other trackmen, \$1.49; switchmen, \$2.45; telegraph operators, \$2.14. Total \$2.30.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas—General officers, \$10.60; general office clerks, \$2.45; station agents, \$2.46; engineers, \$3.86; firemen, \$2.31; conductors, \$3.80; other trainmen, \$2.10; machinists, \$2.88; carpenters, \$2.30; other shopmen, \$1.81; section foremen, \$1.71; other trackmen, \$1.15; switchmen, \$2.11; telegraph operators, \$2.07. Total, \$1.90.

These averages are not the average wages paid daily by the year, but by the number of days each employe worked.

SEAL PROTECTION NOT SURE.

Outside Nations May Destroy the Animals—Regulations Not Yet Ready.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—As the time approaches for putting into force the regulations to protect seal life in Behring sea it becomes more evident that it will be difficult to make regulations in conformity with the recommendations of the Behring sea tribunal, for the United States and Great Britain, even by agreement and co-operation, cannot protect seal life beyond the three mile limit of the land and the islands, except against their own citizens under their own flag.

Most of the depredations in the past have been committed under the British flag of Canadian sailers. This can be put a stop to, but if these Canadian sailers can sail under the Korean flag or that of any other nation not a party to the agreement, they cannot be prevented from pursuing pelagic sealing. The task in preparation of agreements from other nations not to allow their flags to be used to protect depredators. The labors of Secretary Gresham and Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador, are believed to be directed to that end.

THE BLIZZARD IN THE EAST.

All New England Snowed Up—The Storm Does Damage in Mexico Also.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—The biggest storm of the year struck New England last night about 12 o'clock and by this morning ten inches of snow had fallen, while the wind was blowing a regular blizzard.

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 2.—The norther which has been sweeping the gulf coast for several days has done much damage. Reports from all along the eastern coast show property destroyed at many points and damage to shipping.

FOREIGN MINERS RIOTING.

Force Being Used to Compel English Speaking Men to Quit Work.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—The foreign striking miners along the Panhandle railroad are rioting about Mansfield. Sheriff Richards was notified that the situation was critical, and immediately left for the scene with twenty-five deputies. Others will follow later.

The foreigners are in an ugly frame of mind because the English speaking miners returned to work at the reduced rate; and are determined to bring them out.

Did She Commit Suicide.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the Standard from Vienna says that it is reported from Venice that the American novelist, Constance Fenimore Woolson, committed suicide by jumping from the window of the house where she lived. A seven months' attack of influenza left symptoms of insanity. In accordance with her wishes, the body will be buried in Rome.

Ryan First Deputy Marshal.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 29.—It is reported in political circles here that United States Marshal Neely has kept his promise and made W. H. Ryan of Crawford county his first deputy. J. C. Rabb of Cherokee county is also an applicant for a deputyship.

It is stated that Emperor William has always desired to be reconciled to Prince Bismarck before the Chancellor died, and was informed, before he made overtures that he had act long to live.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT SAYS THE OUTLOOK IS BETTER.

SIXTY-TWO CONCERNS RESUME.

Only Seventeen Shut Down Noted—Reduction of Wages Still Continue. However—Annual Analysis of More Than 17,000 Failures—Bad Weather in the West Retards Business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Bradstreet's says: "The improvements in business and industrial lines, reported heretofore, continues to gain moderately and shows gains from week to week, although more conspicuously in manufacturing than in commercial lines. This is indicated by the report of sixty-two resumptions of more important manufacturing establishments this week compared with seventeen shut down, and by the total of \$840,237,000, the bank clearings of the week at fifty-four cities, which is nine per cent smaller than in the preceding week, and three per cent smaller than in the like week last year. The sudden and severe change in the weather has checked shipments of merchandise to many Western and Northwestern points, although orders for seasonable goods have, in many instances, been increased with the cold and the storm. Reductions in wages continue, and about a quarter of them are of twenty per cent, the rest ranging from seven to seventeen per cent. In no direction are quotations of manufactured products higher but while some have recently declined, the general tone is somewhat stronger.

Bradstreet's annual analysis of more than 17,000 business failures in the United States and Canada last year shows a net gain of more than 8,000 in the total business population in the United States in 1893 compared with 1892, notwithstanding panic and depression during seven months of last year. The gain in 1892 over 1891 was about 38,000. Lack of capital, direct effects of the financial crisis; incompetence and fraudulent disposition of property account for 80 per cent of the failures last year, and in the year before the proportion of failures due to speculation outside of regular business, to personal extravagance, to fraudulent disposition of property and undue competition was smaller in 1893 than in 1892.

States Can't Limit Immigration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The supreme court has declared the act passed by the legislature in 1891 regarding the right of the state to limit immigration was unconstitutional. The case was that of a Chinaman arrested for unlawfully remaining in the state. The act provides for deportation, but the court decides that the power thus attempted to be exercised belongs exclusively to the general government.

Butchered in His Home.

CRESTON, Iowa, Jan. 29.—P. G. Goodale, a farmer 72 years of age, residing alone in a little house near Afton, has been found butchered in his house. By the failure of a bank at Tingley he lost \$400, and has since kept considerable sums in his house. There were sixteen wounds on Goodale's head and neck any one of which would have caused death. Two pocketbooks carried by him are missing. Considerable money secreted in the house was overlooked by the robber.

More Arrests in the Jerico Poisoning Case.

NEVADA, Mo., Jan. 29.—News was brought here yesterday that two more arrests had just been made of persons charged with complicity in the poisoning of the Comstock family, near Jerico, several weeks since. Sterling Brasner, son of Mrs. Comstock, who was poisoned, and his wife, were charged with the crime, and arrested last week. Now his wife's mother, Mrs. Bruesley, and her son, are said to be also arrested on the same charge.

National Republican League.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 29.—The executive committee of the Republican league of Colorado, has adopted resolutions asking the national executive committee to postpone the Republican national league convention in this city from May 8 to June 12. One of the reasons given for the proposed change of date is that the local committee is desirous of giving a free excursion to Cripple Creek and other points of interest, and the weather in May is usually too cold for such a mountain trip.

Oklahoma School Lands for Lease.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 29.—Governor Renfrow has issued a proclamation offering all the school lands in Oklahoma for lease for three years, each quarter section to be leased to the person bidding the highest cash rent for same, and all bids to be submitted in writing by February 20. There are 750,000 acres of these lands, and people all over the country are anxiously waiting to secure them.

Sensational Love Tragedy.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 29.—At Euclaid, a town south of here, a Mexican named Valdina fell in love with a pretty Mexican girl named Miss Josefa Trevino. She rejected him, and a day later he called her to her door, shot her three times, twice after she fell dying, and then in an attempt to commit suicide blew his face off. He is in jail but will die.

Now Bankers Indicted.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 29.—Indictments of ten courts have been returned by the grand jury against W. P. Holmes, George W. Toulmin and Horace S. Linn for receiving deposits when they knew their banks were in a failing condition.

MRS. LEASE AGAIN.

She Makes Scandalous Charges Against Kansas Politicians.

PLEASANTON, Kan., Jan. 29.—The following letter from Mrs. Lease appeared in the Herald yesterday: Editor Pleasanton Herald: From what I know of you I do not believe you would intentionally do me or any one an injustice. I therefore take the liberty to ask you if you have any reason for accusing me of holding a consultation with Peck and Rossington other than the statements of the politicians, who know that I know of their dishonesty, and that I am opposed to fusion? I most emphatically brand their statements as false.

I went to St. Louis at the request of an invalid sister whose little sick child wanted me. I bowed to Mr. Peck in the dining-room and spoke to him afterwards in the parlor as I would speak to any acquaintance from Kansas; if this is crime why not brand as crime the fact admitted by the governor, when he was compelled to admit it, that he held a midnight conference with George R. Peck and surrendered to the Santa Fe that Dunsmore house which he had called out the militia to sustain and which had been organized by the candidates for the United States senate and the chairman of the Democratic central committee; and this crowd elected by liquor and fusion votes; that took bribes from three companies—Rock Island, Missouri Pacific and Missouri, Kansas and Texas (I have the proof); that are in partnership with saloons and gambling houses; that are the most dishonest and corrupt gang that has ever cursed Kansas and they want to be re-nominated that they may keep their relatives in office at the expense of the state.

It is necessary to "kill me politically" ere they can succeed, and to destroy me they just I am working for Republican pay. Just as the Republicans used to claim I was working on Democratic pay when I opposed them. Not only that, but they paid \$500 to obtain affidavits that General J. B. Weaver and I slept together at many of the leading hotels during the campaign. The governor said to two state officers: "If Mrs. Lease makes any fight on me I will spring those affidavits on her." Rest assured the fight will be made and the right will win.

THE DUVAL CLUB DISBANDED.

It Broke Up in a Row—Corbett and Jackson to Fight in London.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 29.—The Duval club no longer exists. It broke up in a row. Some hard names passed between one of the members and Bowden, whose management was severely criticised. Bowden has washed his hands of the whole business. He says he will never try to get up another prize fight. This one has kept him awake nights with worry.

The other members of the club are going to organize with outside capital. The club took in about \$31,000 from admissions. They will come out about even, unless they are put to heavy expenses in defending the prosecutions which have been brought.

To Fight Jackson in London.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—It is announced here that Champion Corbett has arranged to come to England, and that the fight between him and Peter Jackson will probably take place before the National sporting club in June.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Senator Morgan's Nicaraguan Canal Bond Bill Indorsed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Much more rapid progress was made by the national board of trade yesterday than has characterized its session heretofore, and an evident disposition was manifested to clear up minor business. The Nicaraguan canal matter was again up, and on motion of Mr. Fairbanks of St. Louis, a resolution was passed memorializing congress again "as we have done heretofore from year to year, at each annual session of our body," that the construction of the Nicaraguan canal has become an imperative commercial necessity for the future advancement of the trade of our country, and that Senator Morgan's bill asking the indorsement and guarantee of \$70,000,000 of bonds should be enacted into law. A resolution was also passed urging prompt action by congress on the tariff.

A Miner Killed.

JOPLIN, Mo., Jan. 29.—Daniel Davis, a miner, was killed in shaft No. 14 on the Empire ground yesterday. The hoister brake got out of gear and he fell forty feet, striking his head against a heavy timber. He was married.

THE MARKETS.

Kansas City Grain.

Prices were quoted at the close as follows: No 2 hard wheat, 52c; No 3 hard wheat, 51c; No 4 hard wheat, 50c; rejected 47c; No 1 red wheat, 54c; No 2 red wheat, 53c; No 3 red wheat, 52c.

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