

Bryan's Banker Throws Wrench in Guaranty Plan

Veteran Democratic Politician Opposes Plan of State Association to Stop Bank Failures.

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—(Special).—P. L. Hall, an oldtime democratic politician, president of one of the largest national banks in the capital city, and the man with whom Governor Bryan uses his banking, has thrown a monkey wrench into plans of state bankers to put a bill through the legislature in an avowed effort to stop the constant bank failures.

Hall has announced that if the bill, backed by the Nebraska State Bankers' association, passes, it will be vetoed by the governor, and in the event the house and senate musters sufficient votes to override the governor's veto, steps will be taken to circulate referendum petitions which would hold up the enforcement of the proposed law indefinitely.

State bankers acquainted with Hall say that he is greatly interested in nationalizing as many banks as possible because of connection with the federal reserve system and doubt whether if it comes to a showdown Governor Bryan will follow the dictates of his banker and veto the bill. The failure of the bill to pass and receive the signature of the governor will, according to numerous bankers in Nebraska, mean that many of the stronger state banks will nationalize and the weaker bankers will be unable to bear the burden of the guarantee fund.

Hall denies he is an enemy of the guarantee fund plan.

Preventive Association Favors State Fire Marshal

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special).—The consensus of opinion among about 50 members of the Nebraska Fire Preventive association, who came here from Omaha and Lincoln for a fire prevention campaign, is that the state fire marshal's office be retained by Governor Bryan. When called upon to make an explanation into results obtained from investigations, Fire Marshal Hartford told the meeting here that 13 convictions for arson had been made by his office and that 15 other cases are pending in district court.

Woman Thinks Red-Headed Man Stole Her White Horse

Mrs. A. Zevulak, Thirtieth and Madison streets, has asked police to look for a red-headed man who she believes stole a white horse, 8 years old, from the Zevulak stable Wednesday night. She said she observed the man loitering on the corner early in the evening.

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Principals and Suspects in Fatal Gun Battle



Gun Battle Suspects Rounded Up by Police

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blanks and made a bunk for myself underneath a car that was loaded with merchandise. That was about 11, and nothing happened for almost an hour.

"About 12 I think it was, I heard the gang come into the yards and begin walking about. At first I thought they would work at the end of the train farthest from me, but soon I was sure, from the sounds, that they were coming my way.

"As they came up to the car under which I was, I pulled the blankets over my head and looked at my watch. The blankets hid the light from my flashlight so that they could not see it. It was just 1:02 then.

Orders Hands Up. "About three minutes later I heard the door of the car begin to slide back and then I leaned out from under the car and covered the man who was at the door with my gun. Then I called to them to throw up their hands.

"Instead of doing that, they all opened up on me and the bullets just spattered around the car wheel that I was hiding behind. I cut loose then, and the man at the door staggered. That was Marty Maher, I think, because I am sure that I hit that man hard.

"Then the shooting became general, the hands seemed to be on all sides of me and I fired first this way and then that. I had counted six men, five on the ground and the one at the door, before I started to shoot. When the gang started to run I heard the footsteps of more men than that, though.

until noon yesterday. He failed to identify any of the men who were arrested as members of the gang that had fought with him.

All Deny Implication. All the persons arrested have denied their implication in the shooting. Bill Maher and Kenney voluntarily gave themselves up and Compton and Pierson were in bed at home when they were arrested and declared that they had not been out of their room all Wednesday night.

None of the men arrested so far shows the slightest sign of a wound and officers are pinning their hopes of finding the rest of the gang, and conclusive proof as to who the members were, in the chance that they will find one of the wounded men hiding somewhere in the city.

All of the men are well known to police and most of them have criminal records.

Samuel C. Curtis at 57 can still handle a gun. He engaged six alleged boxer robbers in battle and one of them is dead while detectives believe two more were badly wounded. Curtis was a crack shot when a youthful cowboy and yesterday morning he apologized for not accounting for more of the gang.

"Bill" Maher, run runner, who surrendered to C. H. Van Dusen, chief of detectives, after sleuths began a search for him. While his brother lies dead he is held for investigation.

Frank O'Neill, taxicab driver, 1608 1/2 Cass street, who is alleged by detectives to have driven "the gang's" car to a garage following the battle. Marty Maher, dark and handsome, who died from a bullet wound through the left leg.



Ku Klux Klan Fight Carried to Senate

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Luther Nickels of Dallas, former assistant attorney general of Texas and now a law partner in the firm of former Senator Joseph W. Bailey, acted for Paddy in filing the petition which was a document of 80 pages with 700 pages of exhibits. It was presented to the president pro tem and laid before the senate in order to make it possible to challenge the credentials of Mayfield, recently forwarded to Washington as soon as the new congress convenes next fall.

The alleged purposes of the Ku Klux Klan are set forth in the petition in the following terms:

"(1) Subversion of visible government into a mendacious invisibility where corrupt and unpatriotic men and women unrestrained by law or morals may possess and exert brutal power over the lives and liberties of the people—the erection of a super-government wherein the governed have no voice of representation in the ordaining or execution of the secret laws and decrees clandestinely established for their control—such 'super-government' being operated—and its decrees executed—primarily against citizens who are not members of the Ku Klux Klan and for the wrongful protection of members of the Ku Klux Klan in their immoral and lawless practices.

Enthralment of Commerce. "(2) Enthralment of commerce and industry and restriction of the fruits and benefits thereof to favored groups of avaricious confederates.

Prostitution of the Christian religion and defeat of its blessed strivings. "(3) Prostitution of the Christian religion and defeat of its blessed strivings. The Klan, the petition further declared, fraudulently professed adherence to activities, principles and creeds and "unobjectionable and worthy of commendation" in order to secure members. The petition then proceeded to charge that the following spe-

cial things are sought by the Klan: (A) To seduce and defile the public conscience and character by: "Teaching and encouraging men to lie, perjure and false swear;

"With money gifts and insidious flatterings—corrupting ministers of religion, enticing them away from the preaching of 'Christ and Him crucified' to the worldly forums of partisan politics, to the support of lawlessness and to engenderings of hatreds, bickerings and backbitings;

"Generating in and from racial and religious characteristics, unreasonable prejudice, sinful passions and perilous hatreds;

"Breeding and developing—through practices, precept and example, widespread disrespect for duly constituted authority and public discontent with restraint of law;

"Placing and maintaining in positions of power and leadership (in and out of said organization) men and women of dissolute and degraded character;

"Establishing and seeking to establish multifarious commercial and industrial boycotts and social discriminations and ostracisms; to impair and destroy, defame and evade, each and all of the various provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of the constitutions of those states drawn from the experience and wisdom of mankind."

Fred Nielsen Nominated Lexington Postmaster

Lexington, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special).—Word was received here from Washington that the postmaster general has nominated Frederick Nielsen for appointment as postmaster at this place. This in accordance with the recommendation of Representative A. R. Humphrey, Sixth Nebraska district, which was concurred in by Robert G. Simmons, congressman-elect. Mr. Nielsen is a young man 30 years of age, born here and had had five years' previous service in postal work. O. K. Jones is the retiring postmaster and has served for nine years.

Legion Mass Meeting. Members of the South Omaha post of the American Legion and all other ex-service men who care to attend will hold a mass meeting at 15 Sunday morning at the post headquarters in the South Omaha city hall.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland speaks English, German, French and Italian.

House Filibuster Against Cape Cod Bill Successful

Republican Leaders Agree Not to Press Measure at Present—Call Up Alien Property Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The filibuster began Thursday in the house by opponents of the bill proposing government purchase of the Cape Cod canal, was ended today after republican leaders made it known that they would not press the measure at this time. They called up instead, the alien property bill and gave no indication when the other measure would be given consideration.

Chairman Winslow of the interstate commerce committee, in charge of the Cape Cod bill, declared that the party managers had given him "no assurance of consideration of the bill at this session of congress," and opponents freely predicted that it would not come up at all. They were prepared to fight it by every parliamentary method, if it should.

Protests Decision. Representative Winslow said he had "protested" the decision of the leaders "in view of the importance of the bill and in consideration of constant and positive assurances" that there would be house action on it. Chairman Campbell of the rules committee explained that after a conference with the republican steering committee the measure had been laid aside so as to end the filibuster and get some legislation enacted before the end of the session.

The legislative program, badly congested before the filibuster began, was further complicated by the presentation of the third deficiency appropriation measure. This bill contains scores of items and the managers recognized that each of these could be made a fighting point by those members of the house desiring to delay or kill legislation planned on the calendar for early action.

Bills Reported Out. Despite the legislative jam, committees of the house continued today to report out additional bills and resolutions, but it was indicated that none of these would have much chance in the final rush except, of course, the farm credits legislation, which will get early consideration, probably on Saturday. The banking committee worked all day and far into the night, completing the bill which will follow along the general lines of the Capper measure passed by the senate.

Chairman McFadden planned to have the completed draft and the accompanying report before the members of the house Friday so as to pave the way for debate and a vote on Saturday. After its passage by the house the credits legislation would have to be considered in conference, but its supporters appeared confident that final congressional action would be possible before adjournment sine die on March 4.

Pensions Granted. Washington, Feb. 22.—(Special).—Nebraska pensions granted: James M. Carter, Naponee, 82; Anna M. McConell, Omaha, 82; Beattie P. Taylor, Omaha, 82; Barbara K. Smith, Omaha, 82; Claude C. Nease, Ashland, 81; Lilla M. Short, Council Bluffs, 81; Helen M. Brodridge, Elmwood, 81; Sarah B. Hollaway, Ord, 81; Claudia R. Dole, Alliance, 81; Lewis J. Boyd, Springfield, 81; Inez C. Rowland, David City, 81; minor of Flory S. Durbin, Lincoln, 81; Ida Musselman, Maple, 81; Charles B. Collier, Lincoln, 81; Gerald J. Hinds, O'Neill, 81; Margaret J. Coburn, Omaha, 81; Alvin W. Nease, Platt, 81; Christian Rasmussen, Fremont, 81; Charles C. Wooley, Ord, 81; George O. Cummings, Elm Creek, 81; Gottlieb Eberle, Eustis, 81; James S. Short, Oakdale, 81; Martha A. House, Angus, 81; Edna M. Jones, Platt, 81; Warren T. Waldron, Alliance, 81; Mike Whitten, Brownsville, 81; Edw. Lee, York, 81; Christian Bertha, Talmadge, 81; Jennie L. Lee, Kimball, 81; Carl A. Anderson, Omaha, 81.

Afternoon tea parties with vaccination as an added attraction were recently fashionable in London.

Ex-Barber Sought as Another Ponzi

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failed for a large sum after he had become connected with it. Losses of approximately \$130,000 to depositors there were repaid in July of last year. Burns men declare, when a well-known Chicago attorney made a trip to the coast to square Marcano's accounts and save him from prosecution. The money used to repay the losers is said by the Burns' men to have been obtained from Marcano's father-in-law, Abraham Goldman, a wealthy Chicagoan, connected with the Furniture Exhibitors exchange.

The California bank failure, however, resulted in Marcano's dropping from sight for some time. Burns operatives say he went to Mexico and later to Italy, where he became a purchasing agent for the Italian government.

Reappears in America. After the war he reappeared in America and obtained the confidence of a large number of exiles of Italian parentage. This stage of the detective's describe him as wearing a flamboyant purple tie which furnished a background for an emblem, more than an inch in diameter, of the high degree of a world-wide secret order. The Burns operatives say Marcano boasted he was among those present when the same hearing was conferred on President Harding by an Ohio lodge.

His after-the-war rise was meteoric. Backed by the money of his father-in-law, he branched out into many money-making schemes. At various times he attempted to obtain control of two Chicago banks and similar institutions in other cities, and did eventually buy up the Elson Holding company of Buffalo, and through that concern obtained control of the Niagara insurance company. Next he bought control of the Philadelphia bank by depositing with it funds of the insurance company, following up this step by borrowing \$125,000 from a New York bank on the strength of his Philadelphia deposit, which is said to have been withdrawn and used elsewhere.

Buy Warren Bank. The Warren bank was purchased next and Taylor installed as president. That Marcano was an economical bank owner was indicated when detectives today questioned Taylor about the intimate details of the bank's operation. Marcano, he said, could not afford to hire a president and cashier, both at salaries of \$40 a week, so dispensed with the cashier and made Taylor president at \$50 a week.

Marcano's operations, however, were not always successful, according to the detective agency. He attempted to obtain control of a country bank near Muncie, Ind., and before he got out of the deal had lost \$8,000 to \$10,000. The Indiana bankers, the Burns men say, so impressed Marcano with their sagacity that he later employed one of them as an official of the Philadelphia bank.

Business Women in Garden Party

Costumes of Eighteenth Century Add to Effectiveness of Affair—Prizes Awarded.

A bit of early colonial, so long dead, came to life at the "Colonial Garden party" of the Business and Professional Women's division of the Chamber of Commerce at the chamber Wednesday night.

Powdered hair, piled high aloft, silken knee breeches, laced cuffs and collars, the square-cornered hats of the George Washington period and an occasional black beauty mark, all added to the effectiveness of the affair.

Margaret Clark Leader. Miss Margaret Clark is chairman of the retail and wholesale committee of the division, which had the affair in charge. The committee had neglected no detail in making the scene completely colonial.

First, dinner, then songs and competitions were on the program. Alice Anderson won a prize in the work dress contest. In this same contest Fern Wallace took the role of Old Uncle Ned; Georgia Michael, of Columbia; Ruth Kellogg, of John Paul Jones; Gene Hamilton of Lafayette; Miss Mary Marston, of Uncle Sam; Miss Austin, of George Washington; and Mrs. W. R. Mathews, of Martha Washington.

Prizes are Awarded. Among the prizes at the affair were corage bouquets, silver buckles, books, silver trays and vanity cases. The women's quartet did a wandering funeral chapel opposite their home in what has hitherto been regarded a residence district, has decided the case in favor of the plaintiffs.

minstrel act effectively, and a minuet was led by Fay Watt and Byrrell Loeffler, who had been instructed in the steps by Mary Cooper.

Among the prize winners were Frances Hodgkin, Sadie Jackson, Rosetta Rosvach, Mrs. M. D. Brown, Doris Goethe, I. O. Duffy and Marie Olson. No men were allowed at the affair, and the business women were allowed to drop their dignity with impunity. They organized an impromptu dance before the close of the evening.

But business did creep in: Miss Mary Marston was forced to leave her role as Uncle Sam and her elaborate costume hurriedly, and arrived at the Rialto Theater just in time to supervise the Burgess-Nash style show with 16 models which was an attraction at that theater again last night.

Col. J. M. Banister Speaks at Lincoln Patriotic Meeting

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—(Special).—Col. J. M. Banister of Omaha, addressing the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution at the annual Washington birthday banquet Thursday noon, warned against the internal and external dangers which he said are threatening our national life. His subject was "Lessons From the Ideals of George Washington."

Undertakers Restrained From Residential District

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special).—Judge Post, who presided in an injunction proceeding brought by E. R. North and J. L. Cleary against Baumann & Evans, undertakers, restraining them from establishing a funeral chapel opposite their home in what has hitherto been regarded a residence district, has decided the case in favor of the plaintiffs.

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