

# POLITICS RUINS BANK

## FAILED BECAUSE STATEHOOD BILL WAS DEFEATED

### Allegheny Institution Loaned Money on Worthless Securities to Republican Adventurers, Who Are Now Trying to Hush the Scandal

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 21.—Failure of the late Senator M. S. Quay and Senator Boies Penrose to secure passage of a bill in congress making New Mexico a new state is now given as the basis for the cause of the failure of the Bank of Allegheny and failure of the local promoters to unload their railroad and other properties. Had this statehood bill gone through it is probable that Lee Clark would be a millionaire and that all of the politicians associated with him and who are alleged to have borrowed all the bank's resources from him would have realized a handsome profit.

#### Boss Penrose in the Deal

The explicit charge that Penrose has "paper" in the bank has not been proven. Penrose denies the charge—so did Andrews before his notes were found.

Every pressure, local and political, that can be brought to bear to hush up the scandalous relations of republican state politicians with the wrecked Enterprise Bank of Allegheny is being used. To defer the disclosures until after election day is the aim of those involved. The looting of the bank and the tragedy of Cashier Clark's death have become the striking issues of the present campaign. Even the men who might be

expected to tell what they know have been influenced to keep silence.

A representative of the machine is here now trying hard to get from John G. Cunningham, the examiner, a list of such notes and paper before the examiner can make his report. Cunningham thus far has refused to speak of the bank's affairs.

#### Attorney is Silent

Thomas P. Trimble, the dead cashier's attorney, who might be expected to be eager to go as far as possible in clearing his client's name, will not say a word. At a meeting of the directors of the closed bank, held last night at his office, Mr. Trimble was authorized to employ additional counsel to look after the bank's interest. Whether the politicians whose names have been connected with the tearing down of the institution are to be criminally prosecuted, Mr. Trimble will not say. "I am in a delicate position," is his response to all inquiries.

Frederick Gwinner, who has called himself "The Dummy President" of the Enterprise Bank, after his first outburst, said: "This will break up the republican party in the state of Pennsylvania. This run has been brought upon us by the politicians." He has been carefully guarded from the newspaper inquirers. He is an old man (74 next January), and the tragedy of Clark's death has shaken his nerves. At his home visitors are told: "Mr. Gwinner cannot talk about the bank's affairs. He is very much upset, and may say things that he should not. The boys (his sons) do not want him to tell things just now."

#### Homer Castle's Speech

Homer Castle, who is credited with precipitating the present disclosures, said in the course of a speech: "You need only be told that in the case of another bank of Allegheny holding a loan of \$65,000 on the strength of a \$100,000 deposit of state funds, where the collateral was 'air line to nowhere' stock, that when the officials of that bank, knowing that the securities were insufficient, asked to have the note lifted, after a bank examiner had turned it down for the reason that it had no ascertainable value, that Robert McAfee, now secretary of the Commonwealth, practically forced the bank to keep this loan on the pain of instant withdrawal of the entire deposit.

"You need not know that the Treasury Trust company of Pittsburg, between January 15 and February 1 of this year received a deposit from the state in the sum of \$25,000, which was followed in two days by two notes of \$2,500 each, made by W. H. Andrews and endorsed by Francis J. Torrance, Lee Clark, the cashier, and F. R. Nichols, who is the private secretary for W. H. (Bull) Andrews. The proceeds of these notes were carried away by Nicholas and James E. Glass, president of the Treasury Trust company, said to an officer: 'We can get more money if we make more loans.'"

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<b>CHINA,</b>	<b>INDIA,</b>	<b>PHILIPPINE ISLANDS</b>
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said Burr Lewis, purchaser, and J. H. Edmisten, assignee, paid the taxes for the years 1901 to 1904 under said certificate; that on the 7th day of August 1903 said tax certificate was assigned to plaintiff for value and he is now the owner and holder thereof; that there is now due on said certificate and for taxes paid thereunder, \$40.02 and interest from October 10, 1905.

Plaintiffs pray that said property be sold to satisfy said liens and the costs of this action including attorneys fees as provided by law and for general relief.

You are required to answer this petition on or before the 4th day of December, 1905.

J. H. EDMISTEN,  
By TALBOT & ALLEN, their attorneys.