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Omaha will try to survive the shock at least as well as Milwaukee.

The school board may lose its "purse," but the taxpayers will be the gainers.

The Japanese have made the shortest line to Siberia the longest way round for fetching a food supply.

From the quietness which prevails in that direction one may expect startling news from Lhassa in a short time.

Tree planting season is almost here A tree planting campaign by the Improvement Coub federation is in order.

It is to be hoped congress will not hesitate to signal out Fort Omaha for the proposed signal corps training

sissippi.

side of the public schools.

Everybody invited to respond.

If there were less of Smith and more of Smoot in the present hearing the sonate committee on privileges and elections might end their task sooner.

In expressing fear of the United States the Russian government reminds one of the small boy who trembles when his mother approaches the jam closet.

strike the American public may soon

wedded condition in a leap year. Ed gress at once. Hoch, who is nominated to succeed him, is a married man.

launched this year. Another commemo- due to the fact that she was ready. rative celebration of the fiftieth anni- How long she will go on winning is versary of the territorial act that placed another matter. She has never yet Nebraska on the map.

law, but the change does not seem to stamina of the Russian troops, while cause much of an outbreak among the both by sea and by land the Japanese inhabitants. Martial law is a relief in "fight by book." They have fought some cases.

Kansas republicans mince no words in disapproving the extravagance of the last legislature of that state, although it was overwhelmingly republican. An honest confession is sometimes best, but it is often difficult to get it.

Democratic campaign workers in South Omaha have commenced to ex- American operations at Manila and Sanpectorate on their hands and will presently make a home run on the refreshment counters, while men in white aprons turn the beer faucet and mix the fire-water.

upon to regard them as martyrs.

keep at there.

DIPPING IN TOO DEEP.

The investigation of the Smoot case by the committee on privileges and elections of the United States senate has gone very much farther than was expected, or perhaps intended, when the investigation was instituted. The constitution provides that each house of congress shall be the sole judge of the election and qualifications of its members, so that the propriety of the inmembers of that church who have nothing whatever to do with the case of Mr. Smoot, it would seem that the committee has gone beyond its proper function and has opened up a matter that may have unfortunate consequences.

As we understand the case, the comin entire conformity with law. The fact that the church of which he is a member had any agency or influence in his election should not be considered. He has the same right to be a member of the Mormon church as every other every citizen of the republic. The free ...31,040 exercise of religion is provided for in not justly, therefore, be excluded from the national senate on the ground that 27............31,720 he is a member of the Mormon church. Furthermore it has been shown that he is not disqualified on the ground of polygamy, not having violated the law in this regard. While it is true that there 867,472 are Mormons who are polygamists, the church does not now countenance plural Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this let day of March, A. D. M. B. HUNGATE, (Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. and it would manifestly be unjust to hold him responsible for it. His religious belief he is entitled to and it would be a gross violation of a well settled and sacred American principle to punish him for it.

It is perhaps unfortunate that the legislature of Utah did not elect to the senate a man outside the Mormon church, but having done so there appears to be no valid reason why Mr. Smoot should not be allowed to represent that state in the senate. The committee on privileges and elections has gone to an indiscreet and wholly unnecessary extent in its investigation. the tendency of which may be to create in the country a troublesome religious contention.

INDIAN TERRITORY IRREGULARITIES.

The country will heartily approve the position taken by President Roosevelt The rule of the mob seems to be con- in regard to the reported irregularities tendent at the salary named in the resoined by no geographical limitations, in the Indian Territory, in which mem-Ohio can no longer make faces at Mis- bers of the commission to the Five Civilized tribes are implicated. The investigation was made by Mr. Charles J. Bon-New let us try to get an educator to aparte and Mr. C. B. Woodruff, apsupervise our public school system and pointed for the purpose by the presilet politics and wirepulling be kept out- dent, and conclusively, as appears from their report, established the fact that certain members of the commission have Wanted-About 150 public spirited been using their official positious to citizens with \$100 aplece to put into the profit at the expense of the Indians finishing touches on the Auditorium. whose interests and welfare it is their

duty to protect and promote. The report speaks of the conditions in the territory as involving immediate ple, if any mercantile concern should mere means of livelihood. danger of ruin to the genuine Indian population and profound discredit to the United States, "exciting reasonable discontent on the part of all classes of the population and demanding prompt and drastic remedies on the part of congress." In transmitting the report to congress the president suggests that if hand, the salesman, cashier, or employe With the anthracite mines flooded and it should be found to be possible he the bituminous miners talking of a would regard it as desirable that the work of the commission be closed up care little if coal is contraband of war this year and discontinued, but it seems to be the opinion of the secretary of the interior that this cannot be done. At Governor Bailey of Kansas may have all events the matter is one that should feared to make the race in his un- receive the careful attention of con-

WOULD JAPAN BEAR REVERSES!

The fact is very generally understood The battleship Nebraska is to be that Japan's successes thus far are tasted defeat and till she has experienced a repulse it is not possible to It has been several weeks since Hon- calculate her exact worth. Her soldiers, duras was declared to be under martial it is the common belief, have not the strictly by book so far and they have succeeded because the book has been right. Text-books and the octrines of Captain Mahan, the well-known Amerlean naval historian, carried them triumphantly through the war with China and they are still following, in the main, what they then learned and practiced, with possibly some ideas learned from

tiago. But Japan is not now fighting China and she is to find that a victory or two over Russia will not have the effect that followed her successes over the Chinese, whose army and navy were without dis-From the action of the Mormon apos- cipline, incapable of making a good the taxpayers of Omaha are not in a come in. ties on the witness stand they seem to fight and became utterly demoralized frame of mind to have his ambition have an abiding faith in the saying, by defeat. For the first time Japan gratified. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed is now at war with a white race and of the church," and it is not impossible one that has made a great record that the faithful in Utah will be called through a long history of conflicts. The stubborn brav my and fortitude of Russlan soldiers have been given a most The milling-in-transit rate for grain thorough test. Not so those of Japan. coming by way of Omaha over the admirable as they undoubtedly are for Northwestern railroad will go far to- discipline and endurance. Granting all behoove the various city departments and forty-two children. "The brute," said ward making Omaha a grain market, that has been claimed for them, it is to cut their garments a little closer to the gray-haired woman. "To think of a but it will take a long pull, a strong still to be determined how far the new their cloth. pull and a pull altogether on the part | fledged power would bear up under seof the business men of Omaha to put vere reverses. As a writer on the sub-

gards endurance of positive disaster can of the enemy. Suppose in the engagements that are drawing near the Japanese should experience defeat and suffer heavily, would they still bravely fight on, showing that courage and persistverses as have the white races in count-

Events alone can answer these questions. There is no doubt as to the patriotism of the Japanese, of their readiness to die for their country. There is mittee's duty was simply to inquire as a universal feeling of faith in their courto the election and qualifications of age. Their army is well disciplined Smoot. As to his election, there is no and well equipped, and it is comquestion in regard to its regularity. He manded by men who have studied carewas chosen by the legislature of Utah fully the art of war. But it is yet to be subjected to the crucial test of actual conflict with the soldiers of a power which can lose hundreds of thousands without exhausting its resources in men and the fighting qualities of whose troops have been attested on many san-American citizen has to belong to a re- guinary battlefields. Japan is in conligious sect or denomination whose doc- trol of the far eastern waters. Her trines and teachings he believes in ability to win on the land is yet to be

REJOICING TOO SOON. There is a well defined rumor that many principals and teachers in our public schools are jubilating over the announcement that Carroll G. Pearse has been elected superintendent of the public schools of Milwaukee, but their joy may be short lived. There is also a very well defined rumor that the dominant majority of the school board has entered into a compact to raise the salfrom \$3,600 to \$5,000 a year, if he will condescend to remain at the head of the Omaha public schools a few years longer. The fact that Mr. Pearse has recently accepted a position on the executive committee of a political club in seriously contemplate a departure from Omaha.

Whether the Board of Education has the right to raise the salary of Mr. Pearse to \$5,000 is, however, an open question. It is not quite eighteen months since Mr. Pearse was re-elected schools at a salary of \$3,600 for a term of three years. It is an open secret that Mr. Pearse had to do a good deal of log-rolling at that time to induce a majority of the board to take this action. Whether a contract between the school district of Omaha, drawn up in due form, has been executed by the contracting parties, or not, the obligation to retain Mr. Pearse as superinlution by which he was re-elected would samurat, had as soon die as wink. pense with his services before the end of the three years, unless charges affecting his efficiency or integrity could be substantiated.

If the obligation to retain Mr. Pearse was legally binding upon the Board of legally, binding upon Mr. Pearse, just as it would be upon any salaried officer or employe of any other corporation under like circumstances. For examenter into a contract with its head clerk, salesman, cashler, or any other salaried employe for a fixed term of years at a fixed salary, the firm would be bound to pay him his salary for the full time unless he were discharged for cause that would establish his unfitness whose services were negotiated for three years would be expected to serve out his full time at the salary stipulated. A contract is certainly not a contract unless it is binding on both parties.

Manifestly Mr. Pearse does not consider the contract with the school board binding or else what right had he to enter into negotiations for another position a year and a half before the term for which he was elected had expired? Possibly, and more than probably, Mr. Pearse lacks the element of integrity which imposes upon a man a moral obligation even where the agreement is not put in writing. Possibly he considers his re-election a jug-handle affair in which one side only is bound and the other free to pull out.

Whether this be true or not, the Board of Education certainly would not be justified in revising its contract and raising the superintendent's salary by \$1,400 a year, or any other sum. Mr. Omaha. The public schools have not is trying. improved under his supervision, but on the contrary they have deteriorated, not merely because he lacks the essential qualifications of a first-class superintendent, but because he is above all things a politician. If he can better his condition by going to a larger city Omaha will not be the loser and no true friend of the public school system of jection. If, however, his maneuvers have been simply to get his salary raised,

Omaha last year issued \$200,000 of funding bonds to supplement the proreeds of the tax levy, the understanding hontas. being that the money was to be returned to the sinking fund as soon as a new levy became available. Has that

perienced crushing defeat on land or Electrician Michaelson to secure the re- anything he does or save."

sea, since the nation has had a modern placement of electric arc light poles on army and navy. Of what stuff these street crossings within the business dis-"Yankees of the east" are made as re- trict by street lamps on ornamental iron poles, that will serve the same purpose only be known when they have under- much better and relieve our principal gone the shock of battles with the forces thoroughfares at least in part of unsightly poles and dangerous, overhanging wires.

Chancellor Andrews' vista of the problems of Greater America is very far Bee (without Sunday), per week 12c ganic law is of course unquestionable. But in extending it so as to embrace an ing Bee (including Sunday), per week. 10c law is of course unquestionable. But in extending it so as to embrace an investigation of the tenets of the Morning Bee (including Sunday), per week. 10c law is of course unquestionable. But in extending it so as to embrace an investigation of the tenets of the Morning Bear up as bravely under regiant corporations for giant corporaless wars familiar to the reader of his. tions.

> If Superintendent Pearse decides to transfer himself to Milwaukee he should by all means endeavor to secure a soft Russia, and for these reasons: 1. Russia berth in the city of cream brick and is a Christian nation, while Japan is Pacream beer for Secretary Burgess, and gan. 2. Russia for 100 years will be unlet us see whether the school board dog by her people, and must buy immense shall be able to wag himself without quantities in the markets of the world its caudal appendage.

Count von Waldersee, since his death, This will be looked upon with suspicion, as it was then currently ruabout everything they desired during their stay at Peking.

The proposed establishment of an Omaha Mining exchange may have some merit, but we feel it is slightly premature. Omaha must first solidify its grain exchange. The trouble with Omaha heretofore has been hammering down too many nails at the same time.

What Constitutes a Finish

Chicago Inter Ocean It only remains now for Vladtvostok to fall as often as Port Arthur, and the war in the Orient will be practically over, as far as the Yalu correspondents are concerned.

Secret of the Trouble.

Brooklyn Eagle. Lamentations have been heard because the Red Cross society, so strong in Russia and Japan, has become a mere name in America. But it will be a fact, fast enough if the occasion ever arises again to make this city would indicate that he did not it one. The trouble here has been solely about who's who, not about what's what.

Appreciation of Despotism.

Minneapolis Times, With all due respect to the Irish national ists, their resolution at Emmet's birth celebration in St. Louis is rather funny. To extend thanks to Russia for "preventing the extension of England's tyranny over helpless people" argues a charity and appreciation of Russian despotism that is hardly compatible with American standards.

A Japanese Custom.

New York Mall. There is a touch reminiscent of the dime novel in America in the story that some of the Japanese naval officers and sailors write applications in their own blood for an old Japanese custom, which the ancient military class, the samurai, long reveled in. A Japanese trained in the school of the

Salary and Dignity in Congress. New York Tribune.

Nor is it certain that an increased salary attachment would really heighten the dignity or quality of service in congress. A seat in the house or senate has attractions far more potent to the American mind than its mere money value. The compensation now allowed puts a career in congress Education, it was also morally, if not within the reach of any aspirant, regardless would be a serious departure from American tradition to put on such service a strictly commercial value or to encourage needy statesmen to enter congress as a

"He Done Climb There Hisself."

New York Evening Post. Postmaster General Payne has reported to the house committee on post offices and post roads numerous members of both He dashed in among them, cut down two of houses of congress who have to a greater or less extent laid themselves open to criti- of the prominent generals of both Russis cism. The committee is between the devil and the deep sea; it is afraid to print the report, and it does not dare to suppress it. with the grim game of war, A correspondent of the Tribune indicates the condition of the congressional mind when he writes: "No one can be found who is willing to admit that there could have been any intentional violation of the 3 years and is the first baby of the royal law;" the upright and disinterested statesmen either misinterpreted it, or were "too hair grow like a European or American liberal" in their interpretation. Such vir- child. Soon after his birth a slight surgical gin innocence among the lawmakers them- operation was performed at the outer part selves is a touching spectacle. Cynics talk of his eyelids, the result being that the litof corruption in public life, and yet here the fellow's visual organs have not any of their hands in the treasury, and yet each race. Prince Micchi's wedding is already is blissfully ignorant that it is his hand under consideration, three tiny ladies being and that the stuff clutched in his fingers is especially regarded as possibilities. gold. They are all as guileless as the old darkey who explained the presence of the chicken under his bulging coat, " 'Fo' God, massa, I'm s'prised as you are. He done climb there hisself."

PROPHET JOSEPH AND HIS WIVES.

New York Tribune: President Smith and seven of his apostles are said to have thirty-three wives. Just think of the Easter bonnet bills!

Detroit Free Press: Persons reading the reports of the Smoot investigation must be puzzled to know whether it is Reed Smoot Pearse has not become indispensable to or Joseph Smith that the senate committee St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Much of the

joy of married life must be lost by President Joseph Smith in trying to keep track of his wooden, tin and sliver wedding anniversaries. Chicago Inter Ocean: On the other hand

Mr. Smoot of Utah has but one wife and seems to be as well satisfied with a mere majority as Prophet Smith is with an overwhelming plurality. Washington Post: Joseph S. Smith says

ber who swears. We wonder how a man

ishment when the Easter bonnet bills Chicago Chronicle: The testimony of the president of the Mormon church fully original locality of the famous man of that name whose life was saved by Poca-

New York World: A gray-haired woman. thin and vinegar-faced, was listening to Mormon church at the Smoot hearings. government to do what it liked with. polygamist like that being out of jail. "Perhaps, madam," said a bystander, "his It is to be hoped that the mayor and wives do not object." "Certainly not," she the grain market on a firm basis and ject points out, Japan has never excouncil will second the efforts of City to marry a man is fool enough to marry a m

WHERE JAP AND BEAR MEET.

Gossip About the Country and People Involved in the Struggle.

"Don't prophesy unless you know," was the sage advice given a British general who promised to do certain things on time schedule in South Africa. His fall ure was complete and his humiliation equally so. The cautionary signal is called to mind by the prophecies of an unnamed United States senator concerning the war in the Orient. It is stated that the prophet is "a republican senator noted for his expert knowledge of a condition in the far east," a description that fits Senator Beveridge of Indiana. his identity is not material. The main point is the predicate and the conclusion. Speaking to Washington correspondents he said: "I predict here and now-and I wish some of you would put it down in your note books-that within a year there will be a tremendous change in American opinion. It will shift around the side o while Japan is already manufacturing for the great market of China, within a few days' steaming from her shores, as soon as political changes give Japan the upper is accused of wanting to annex Chi Li hand in the Chinese empire, at which she to German territory during the Boxer alms and for which she is really battling in this war. Let me make two more predictions," continued the senator. "If Russia loses in this war, the Japanese will mored that the German troops took within five years become the masters of China, and they will take possession of the markets of that vast empire and drive all the rest of the world out. And within ten years after the Japanese have whipped Russia, if they succeed in doing so, the United States will be engaged in war against Japan. The Japanese will become so overbearing and grasping that

"Although the naval operations in the far east, so far as the Russians are concerned, are not likely to be of much importance," says the New York Sun, "the posibility that the cruiser squadron at Vladivostok may reach the open sea through the La Perouse Strait, between Saghalien and the northern island of Japan, makes it of interest to know their

sea-keeping capacity. "The Rossia and Gromobol, of 12,200 tons each, are rated as nineteen knot ships with a radius of action of 19,000 miles at ten knots, and of 4,000 at eighteen. If they could get beyond the immediate reach of the Japanese fleet and obtain coal man, who found the lost purse of a New from vessels at prearranged points, they might yet do considerable damage to Japanese over-sea trade. The French es- inc. too. imate of their value as fighting ships, however, is not high-about that of well built auxiliary cruisers-owing to their insufficient armor protection, and the inferiority of their main armament to that of the Japanese cruisers that would be

likely to be sent after them. "The Rurik, of 11,000 tone and eighteen and one-half knots, made the voyage from Cronstadt to Singapore without coaling, from which it may be judged that its radius of action would not be much below that of the two other ships above mentioned. Its fighting value is about the same as theirs, with perhaps some superiority in the matter of keeping affoat in case of serious damage from an enemy's fire. "Their consort, the Eogatyr, of 6,200 tons, is a sister ship of the Boyarin, at Port Arthur, and in case of meeting a chances to become heroes. But that is truly sufficient coal supply and its engines in good order, escape by its superior speed if not too seriously injured. But it would seem as if the best thing these four cruisers could do would be to try to their way to Europe, to join any squadron the Russians may be able to get together for future operations, should the war last

any time." General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, is a very distinguished officer in the eyes of military students in all countries He has written much on the science of war as has also General Kouropatkin, and is an acknowledged master of the theory of his of his private means or income; and it business. He has had practical experience, too, having participated in some of the Central Asian campaigns in subordinate capacities. His ability for important commands has not yet been thoroughly tested, but he is regarded by Russian officers as one of their best generals.

General Pflug distinguished himself in the final campaign against the Turcomans by saving the life of a wounded soldier who was attacked by several of the enemy. them and put the others to flight. Most and Japan have similar deeds of daring to their credit and are thoroughly familian

Prince Micchi, grandson of the emperor of Japan and heir presumptive to the throne, is a strong, healthy youngster of house who has been allowed to have his "numerous" congressmen, caught with the "almond eye" shape peculiar to his

Lieutenant General Ivanoff, the governor general and commander of the troops in Turkestan, holds one of the most important military posts in the Russian empire, for it would be his duty to organize an invasion of India in the event of a clash with Great Britain. Long ago when Ekobeleff was still alive, Ivanoff assisted Kouropatkin to prepare his famous "secret scheme" for the conquest of India, which is now filed in the archives of the War office in St. Petersburg. It is not probable that Ivanoff will go to the front, but he will play an important part in the sending of reinforcements and supplies. He has had great experience in Turkestan campaigns.

Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the exar and the man who would mount the Russian throne should death overtake Grand Duke Michael, brother of Nicholas, is a magnificent man physically and has held some high commands in the imperial army. His wife, who was born Princess Marie of Mecklenburg, is a very clever woman and the two play a conspicuous part in Russian society, where they are known as pro Omaha will interpose the slightest ob- that the Mormon church punishes a mem- Germans. It is whispered that not a few members of the aristocracy would like to with eight wives manages to escape pun- hail Vladimir as czar.

Well-Fixed for Housekeeping.

New York Tribune. Panama's ten millions, to be paid in explains why the name of Smith is as few days, will be a tidy sum of money for common in the far west as it is in the the new republic to set up housekeeping with, and, as a good share of it is to be invested here in trust for the little commonwealth, the prospect of its plunging into wild extravagances at sight of so much ready money is less than it might be the testimony of President Smith of the if it got the sum in a lump for its current

Sober Second Thought.

Indianapolis News, After handing us a few joilles, the Russian papers are now beginning to adopt a conciliatory tone toward Great Britain. The Russians must be waking up to the world besides theirs.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR



PERSONAL NOTES.

The New England undertaker who advertises himself as a "mortician" is trying to put the English language underground

Dr. John I. King, the only fiving sur vivor of the massacre of the White River there will be no living with them in of October 28, 1855, is at present residing at Martel, O.

Captain Ira W. Cory, who played an important part in the second day of the battle of Gettysburg, has just died at his

home in Morristown, N. J. The slaughter caused by pneumonia this year is said to be greater than ever before. In New York 454 persons died of the disease in the last week of February.

Kiosaburo Futami, professor of civil engineering in the Kloto Imperial university, Japan, is at present visiting Boston. His mission to this country is to study certain branches of civil engineering here. The generosity of New York toward Chi cago fills onlookers with galety. A Chicago

Yorker, returned the same and was rewarded with one big dollar. It was genu-George F. Phillips, late chief machinist in the United States navy, and a member of Hobson's crew that took the Merriman

veston, Tex., from Bright's disease contracted in the Philippines. Among recent visitors at Washington was Major R. S. Long of Pittsburg, one of the thirty-six survivors of the 616 delegates that met at Philadelphia and nominated Fremont for the presidency. Major Long is urging congress to appropriate \$50,000 for the erection of a monument in Wash-

JABS OF THE JOKESMITHS.

ington to "The Pathfinder."

"Why don't you paint your barn?" asked the cousin from the east. "What's the use?" said Farmer Keerlus. "In a few weeks it'll all be covered with circus posters."—Chicago Tribune.

Political Manager—I can't consent to open bribery in this campaign. We've got to pay some outward attention, at least, to pay some outward cittention, at least, to the ethics.

Ward Heeler—That's a crowd I never heard of, but I'm willin' to bet \$100 they can't swing half a dozen votes in the whole dog-goned county.—Philadelphia Press.

An

Nature is kind and thoughtful, after all. In the early nineteen hund Even the baid-headed man with the rhou-

matism can find somebody to love him.-

Near-Sighted Lady-Is this a quarter or a nickel? Conductor (smilingly)—Madam—it's a beer check.—Indianapolis Journal.

Freshman (calling from the sidewalk in front of Fierson)—Are you coming down! Voice from the Fifth Floor—Yes. Freshman—Well, hurry up.—Yale Record. She-Do you think your family is quite as

food as mine, dear?
He—I know they are now. Why, we are opiscopalians and you are Presbyterians. fown Topics.

The modern Sherlock was trying to find out if the missing girl had a suitor. "Show me her gloves," he commanded. The gloves were brought forward. "Ah, said Sherlock, "one glove was "Ah, said Sherlock, "one glove was never worn at all, and that shows she had an engagement ring on her ringer."—Chi-

"It's curious," said Uncle Eben, "to see how often de man dat talks de bigges' kin act de smallest."—Washington Star. BANTY AND THE BEAR.

Maurice Smiley in Collier's. He's a nervy little chap.

This dinky little Jap;

And tho' he's just a banty, yet I like to hear him crow.

For his spunky little spur.

Has scattered chunks of fur.

From Port Arthur and Chemulpo clean down to Tokio.

into Santiago harbor, is dying in Galnever hunts a muss, And the Russian bear siready has to stop
and lick his paws.
For his nose is in the mud
And his eyes are full of blood,
Where the little banty gaffed him, ere he
could use his claws.

If I ever said a prayer
It wouldn't be the bear
That I should ever root for before the
throne of grace.
For I feel if Russia wins,
The Lord's forgot the Finns
And the Jews and Sobleski and has covered
up His face.

It will be a bloody mix,
But I hope the rooster licks,
a licking's been a-coming and a walloping is due.
And I think Alexieff
Will remember Kishineff
maybe think of Poland before the
banty's through.

And I feel, when it is done,
We'll salute the rising sun,
ce'll just "hoch der kaiser," while
the frog-consumers swear,
And fifty years from now
We'll still be telling how
early nineteen hundreds the bank

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