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BANK RESOURCES OF UNITED STATES

Middle Atlantic Section Takes Lead, with \$450.19 Per Capita of Population.

WESTERN STATES ARE FIFTH

Per Capita Resources of Banks of Nebraska is \$214.92.

DEPOSITS FOURTEEN BILLIONS

Resources of Banks and Trust Companies Twenty-One Billions.

COMMISSION COMPILES DATA

For First Time in History of Country Statistics of National, State and Private Banks Are Available for Same Date.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—With total resources of \$450.19 per capita population, the banking institutions of the eastern or middle Atlantic states lead the country. The New England states come next with \$432.00 per capita; the Pacific states are third with \$347.75; the middle western fourth with \$256.64; the far western fifth with \$161.55; the southern sixth with \$71.13; and the island possessions last off with \$5.22 per capita. The United States as a whole shows banking resources per capita of \$237.34, with the island possessions included the rate lowered to \$213.37.

These comparisons form a feature of a remarkable report issued today by the National Monetary commission, giving the results of an inquiry, which not only covers substantially every incorporated bank of any character in the United States, but for the first time in the history of American banking, presents a tabulation of statements showing the condition of all classes of banks—national, state and savings and loan and trust companies—throughout the country at a given hour, namely, the close of business on April 23, 1909. The comptroller of the currency sets such reports periodically from the national banks, the various state bank commissions and supervisors get them from the state banks—never before have the facts been taken simultaneously from all the banks of the country.

Statistics by States.

Massachusetts leads the New England states with total banking resources per capita of \$450.19; in order following come Rhode Island, \$457.12; Connecticut, \$400.45; New Hampshire, \$328.30; Vermont, \$282.14; Maine, \$258.60.

New York, with \$275.67, leads the so-called eastern states, in order by Pennsylvania, with \$263.55; District of Columbia, with \$209.16; Maryland, \$204.34; New Jersey, \$232.79; Delaware, \$204.48.

West Virginia heads the southern list, with a per capita of \$114.90; Louisiana follows, with \$85.45; then Mississippi, \$80.67; Virginia, \$85.81; Kentucky, \$84.46; Florida, \$66.54; Tennessee, \$71.46; Georgia, \$64.23; South Carolina, \$62.84; North Carolina and Alabama, each \$45.41; Mississippi, \$45.37; Arkansas, \$41.14.

The middle western group ranks thus: Illinois, \$246.29; Missouri, \$215.50; Iowa, \$214.75; Ohio, \$203.95; Minnesota, \$195.95; Michigan, \$154.35; Wisconsin, \$129.53; Indiana, \$126.38.

Colorado, with \$256.64, leads the western states list; Nebraska, has \$214.92; Montana, \$207.71; Wyoming, \$207.25; South Dakota, \$182.75; North Dakota, \$152.21; Kansas, \$137.50; New Mexico, \$100.00; Oklahoma, \$94.28.

The Pacific group is led by Nevada, with a per capita of \$512.72; then follow California, with \$492.79; Washington, \$282.32; Oregon, \$252.52; Utah, \$187.76; Idaho, \$178.82; Arizona, \$135.91; Alaska, \$109.07.

Hawaii shows a per capita of \$71.39; Porto Rico, \$11.84; the Philippines, \$2.70.

Twenty-one Billions Resources.

The institutions reporting to the commission include 6,983 national, 11,319 state, 1,703 mutual and stock savings, and 1,677 private banks and trust companies.

The total resources of all of these establishments reach the stupendous total of \$21,000,000,000. A cursory analysis of the resources and liabilities show loans of \$11,372,000,000; investments in bonds, etc., \$4,614,000,000; due from banks, \$2,562,000,000; cash on hand (including \$900,000,000 in gold and silver certificates), \$1,452,000,000; other resources, \$1,000,000,000; capital, \$1,000,000,000; surplus and profits, \$1,535,000,000; due to banks, \$2,400,000,000; deposits including government deposits, \$1,106,000,000; other liabilities, \$979,000,000.

Of the deposits \$4,500,000,000 are subject to check; \$4,935,000,000 are savings deposits; \$1,213,000,000 are on time and \$255,000,000 consist of demand certificates.

Data on Savings Accounts.

The average rate of interest paid on savings accounts is 3 1/2 per cent, and on other interest-bearing accounts, 4 1/2 per cent. Over 80 per cent of the banks pay no interest on ordinary deposits; more than 5,000 banks pay interest on deposits of \$25 or less, and about 1,300 on sums ranging from \$25 up to \$500.

May Have Used Chloroform to Kill Mrs. Snead

Believed Woman Was First Drugged and Then Drowned in Bath.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The question of whether or not chloroform had been used in making away with Mrs. Osey W. Snead, found dead in an East Orange house more than a week ago, was today brought to the fore through a story told by a Harlem druggist.

He said a woman resembling one of the relatives of Mrs. Snead sought to buy a bottle of chloroform from him a day or two before the body of Mrs. Snead was found in the East Orange house. He refused to sell the drug without a prescription.

It had been the theory of Chief of Police Bell of East Orange that Mrs. Snead was first chloroformed and then drowned.

Another complication in the case developed today with the disappearance from the furnished room house on West Twenty-second street, where she had been stopping, of Mrs. Martha Wardlaw, the grandmother of the victim. Mrs. Wardlaw was placed in a taxi cab by two men who drove off with her down town.

The man who did under such strange circumstances was buried today. Not a friend was present at the funeral.

Mrs. Wardlaw, aunt of the victim, was picked up in the Essex county jail, charged with the murder of her niece.

Do Not Wages and of Men

President Brown Says Raise is Due to Men and Also Railroads.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Demands for increases in wages formulated for petition to the railroads will call in some cases a rise of 100 per cent. Vice President James M. Brown, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen declared today.

The demands would not be presented, however, he stated, until after January 1, and only then if ratified by vote of the employees.

Mr. Brown denied that he was here for a conference with officials of other organizations of railroad men.

"There is no thought of a strike in connection with demands to be presented," said Mr. Brown.

W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central railroad, said this afternoon: "If it is true that there has been an increase in the cost of living since the increase in railroad wages in the latter part of 1908 and early in 1909, then the men are justified in asking for some further increase at this time."

"But any increase in wages is impossible without a commensurate increase in railroad rates. There is not a railroad in the country that can afford to pay its employees more now without getting better rates."

Cut in Estimates Eighty Millions

Clerks in House and Senate Make Comparisons with Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Courb, clerks, respectively, of the senate and house committees on appropriations, have issued their annual comparison of estimates of appropriations. The figures are given by bills and show a total estimate for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, of \$97,135,700, as compared with a total of \$97,135,700 in the last session of \$1,022,820,001, and total estimates of that session for \$1,038,387,500.

The estimate is more than \$30,000,000 less than that of the previous session and \$5,000,000 less than the actual appropriations of that session.

COLD WEATHER IS GENERAL

Low Temperature and Storm Extends from Mountains to Ohio Valley.

SUFFERING IN SOUTHWEST

Weather Man Sees No Relief in Sight for This Section.

NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SHORT

Topka Stores Close and Kansas City People Are Using Coal.

TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH

Stage Driver and Passenger Found Dead on Road Near Hanna, Wyo.—Cold Breaks Wires in Illinois and Indiana.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—After two days of temperature ranging as low as zero and no higher than 10 degrees above, the southwest has no promise of relief from the government forecaster tonight.

Official records show this December to be the coldest on record throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and western Missouri.

Locally there is much suffering on account of the failure of the gas supply. Scores of people are remaining in their homes and returning to the use of soft coal furnaces. Plumbers are working into the night to relieve the suffering.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas, today ordered Attorney General Jackson to begin injunction proceedings against the Kansas Natural Gas company, to prevent it from piping gas into St. Joseph, Mo., and Kansas City, if he deemed such action necessary to protect Kansas towns. Many stores are closed in Topka on account of the cold. George King, a negro, was frozen to death near Bonner Springs, Kan. today.

Cattle are now suffering as snow is falling. An average of four inches of snow covers the ground.

This portion of the southwest experienced still colder weather today, temperatures being generally 2 degrees lower than yesterday and ranging from zero at Kansas City to 6 degrees below at Concordia, Kan.

Other temperatures reported to the local weather bureau this morning: Oklahoma City, 10 degrees above; Fort Smith, Ark., 10 above; Amarillo, Tex., 10 above, and Abilene, Tex., 24 above.

Kansas Wants to Keep Gas. TOPEKA, Dec. 8.—Governor Stubbs today instructed Attorney General Jackson to make an investigation of the natural gas situation with a view of commencing injunction proceedings against the Kansas Natural Gas company to prevent the company from supplying Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., with gas. The attorney general proposes to ask for an injunction on the ground that the Missouri towns are supplied with sufficient gas, while Kansas towns are suffering from a shortage.

The Topeka situation grew more serious this afternoon. Hospitals are without fuel gas and clerks in stores are being dismissed because the stores cannot be heated.

Farmer Frozen to Death. HANNA, Wyo., Dec. 8.—The driver of a stage between Hanna and Leo, and his only passenger were found frozen to death on the road yesterday. They left Hanna for Leo and were found on the road in one of the worst storms ever experienced in that section. Hanna is seventy-six miles west of Laramie.

Thirteen Below at Norfolk. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 8.—North Nebraska, southern and western South Dakota, and northern Wyoming today suffered from the coldest weather of the winter. The temperature in Norfolk dropped to 13 below zero, at Deadwood it was 17 below zero and at Lander, Wyo., it was 20 below.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 8.—The cold wave continues in this section today. It was 8 below at 7 o'clock this morning.

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CLARKSON COMMON LABORER NO LONGER

Former Omahan Who Disappeared Last Summer Gives Up Job in Factory.

ALEXANDER HAS GOOD LEAD

Entire Good Government Ticket in Los Angeles Except One Councilman.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Returns from 182 precincts out of 37 give George Alexander, incumbent, a lead of 1,877 votes over George A. Smith for the mayoralty. The missing precincts are in the residence district, and are expected to increase the lead of Alexander. Returns from these precincts indicate the election of the entire Good Government League ticket with the possible exception of one place in the city council.

The vote for mayor, as counted thus far stands: Alexander, 16,642; Smith, 15,005.

TAFT FAVORS WATERWAYS

President Gives Cordial Reception to National Navigation Congress.

OPPOSITION TO BONDS APPEARS

Chief Executive Advises Workers First to Get Endorsement of Congress to Scheme and Then Ask for Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Beginning its session with a warm reception to President Taft, who delivered an address in favor of waterways improvement, the sixth convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress assembled in this city today. When President Joseph E. Randall introduced President Taft, there was an outburst of applause and this was redoubled when John I. Martin of Missouri proposed three cheers and a tiger for the president of the United States.

President Taft declared he was glad to see the advocates of waterways improvements favored a policy rather than a project.

"The test of the value of the movement," said Mr. Taft, "is going to be seen when you get off that platform and begin to favor a project instead of a policy."

Mr. Taft proceeded to say that he wanted it fully understood that he was heartily in favor of waterway improvement, because of its influence in the reduction of railroad rates, as well as its value in actual transportation of that kind of freight that the rivers were especially adapted to handle.

Speaking of the plan that had been endorsed by President Roosevelt and himself for the issue of bonds by the government for waterway projects, Mr. Taft cautioned the delegates to remember that there was great opposition to that plan in congress and that their wisest course would be to induce congress to make a declaration in favor of waterway improvement and to begin the work with an ordinary appropriation. Once launched in the enterprise, he said, congress would be obliged to provide bonds unless the revenues of the country should be ample for the work.

Count J. H. Von Bernstorff, German ambassador, addressed the convention today.

ARMY CHAUFFEUR IS PAID

Comptroller Allows Claim on Ground It is Justified by Transportation of Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Two items of army expense, one of them being the payment of a salary to an automobile chauffeur for use of the commanding general in the Department of Lakes and the other the purchase of a brougham for the use of the officers in charge at headquarters of the Department of Lakes, which recently were disallowed by the auditor of the War department, have been allowed by the comptroller of the treasury.

The latter was informed by the secretary of war "that necessary means for the transportation of the army and its supplies," justified both of the questioned items of expense.

COOK'S NORTH POLAR RECORDS HELD UNDER HEAVY GUARD

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8.—The north polar observations of Dr. Frederick A. Cook reached here today on board the steamer United States. Extraordinary precautions were taken to make sure that the long-heralded data were delivered safely to the university authorities.

As soon as the United States was tied up at its pier an iron box containing Dr. Cook's reports and the diaries in which his original entries were made were brought ashore.

The box was closely followed by Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, who had stood guard over its contents since they left the hands of the explorer. On the pier Lonsdale and two detectives bundled the iron box into a motor car and, turning in themselves, were driven hastily to the University of Copenhagen. Their car was followed by a second automobile.

At the university the papers were formally turned over to the authorities and placed in a strong room, where they will remain until the committee appointed to examine them is ready to begin its labors. The examination will be made probably at Copenhagen observation. None but the duly chosen commissioner representing the University of Copenhagen will be permitted to be present. United States Minister Egan was to have attended the committee meetings, but he will not be able to do so, because of the delay in the arrival of the records. Mr. Egan leaves tomorrow for the United States.

The coming of Dr. Cook's papers is accompanied by signs of a revival of the Cook-Pearry controversy. The Politiken asserts this morning that the supporters of Commander Peary are trying to enlist the services of Greenland explorers in organizing an anti-Cook press campaign.

KING CORN NODS TO JAMES J. HILL

Great Northern Railroad Builder to Be Exposition Guest During the Day.

COMES TO OMAHA IN SPECIAL

Due at 11 O'clock, Making Daylight Run from Sioux City.

HAS MESSAGE FOR THE FARMER

Will Deliver Address in Afternoon and Attend Banquet in Evening.

AMERICAN BREEDERS IN SESSION

Williet M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, in City to Help Stock Growers Evolve Big Schemes.

LIVE STOCK DAY.

Thursday, December 9.—C. A. Hall, 10:30 p. m.—"Covers," Prof. Thomas Shaw, editor of the Dakota Farmer. "Relation of the Native Grasses to the West and Live Stock Show at Denver," 1:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band. 2:00 p. m.—Music hall, W. E. Davidson presiding. G. W. Wastley, president of the National Corn Exposition, presiding. Address, James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern railway. 3:00 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, "Live Stock and Agriculture in Argentina," Herbert W. Mumford, professor of animal industry, University of Illinois. 4:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National band. 8:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National band and motion pictures, "President Taft at Live Stock Exposition, Seattle."

OTHER MEETINGS.

American Breeders' Association, Hotel Boma. EDUCATIONAL DAY. Friday, December 10.—Music Hall. 10:30 p. m.—E. E. Zimmerman, superintendent of Junior department, presiding. "Nebraska Boys and Girls' Work," E. C. Bishop, Nebraska state superintendent of public instruction. 1:30 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National band. 2:00 p. m.—Music hall, W. E. Davidson presiding. "Agricultural and Industrial Work in Illinois," E. G. Blair, Illinois state superintendent. Other exercises by schools. 4:00 p. m.—Biograph Hall, Superintendent E. C. Bishop presiding. "Education of Girls for Efficiency in the Home," Anna Lois Barber, county superintendent Christian county, Illinois. "Missouri Corn Boys," E. M. Jordan. 4:00 p. m.—Music Hall. Concert by Mexican National band. 5:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National band and travogue lecture.

Special Speeds Toward Omaha.

James J. Hill, with a party of high railroad officials, is speeding toward Omaha and he will be the guest of the National Corn exposition today. He will leave Sioux City on a special at 6 o'clock this morning make the daylight run to Omaha over his own line via Ashland, arriving in Omaha about 11 o'clock. He will be taken for a short drive through the city, to the Omaha club for lunch as the guest of the Burlington officials in Omaha, to the corn exposition in the afternoon, where he will speak in the music hall, and in the evening he will participate in a banquet at the Omaha Commercial club.

Mr. Hill will tell the farmers of Nebraska and surrounding states, as well as the people of Omaha, "What We Must do to Feed" in his speech at the Auditorium at 2 o'clock. So great is the interest in Mr. Hill's talk that there is no doubt room will be at a premium.

In the evening Mr. Hill will be the guest of the Omaha Commercial club at a banquet to be given at the Commercial club rooms. None but members of the club have been invited to this banquet, which would accommodate but 120, and the seats were all spoken for soon after the announcement was made of the date of Mr. Hill's talk.

It was a lucky day for the National Corn exposition when L. W. Hill, president of our Great Northern and son of J. J. Hill, happened to stop at the corn show last year. Having a couple of hours to spend in Omaha L. W. Wakley, general passenger agent of the Burlington, invited Mr. Hill to visit the corn show. He was so impressed that he immediately ordered his road to be well repaved at the show this year. When he returned home he interested his father in his show, with the result that Mr. Hill not only gave \$2,500 in gold for prizes, but also promised to attend the exposition.

Wednesday a Busy Day. With the prizes all awarded, the weather clearing up and the people coming, the National Corn Exposition took on new life Wednesday. On every hand were the sturdy sons of the country, who had come to Omaha to learn some of the best lessons the corn show had to teach.

Wednesday was a big day for far as meetings were concerned. The American Breeders' association met at the Hotel Rome under the leadership of Williet M. Hays, president of the association and assistant secretary of agriculture. The American Society of Agronomy was meeting in one of the Corn association rooms, the National Corn association met in one of the association rooms, and all was life and bustle.

Every train now entering Omaha is bringing in its quota of visitors to the exposition and the attendance is increasing fast. Indications now are that Omaha and the show will enjoy two full weeks of good crowds. The bureau of information is in full working order and all visitors will be well taken care of.

Somewhat of a special interest is on the table at the corn show every afternoon and evening, and in addition to these, the Mexican band plays three times a day. The band is just as popular as the Mexican band which was in Omaha during the Trans-Mississippi exposition, and the crowds increase at each performance.

ANANIAS CLUB'LL GET HIM

Hooks Out for Texas Who Exhibits Certain Ear of Corn.

The man who is sponsor for a certain ear of corn in the display of Texas at the National Corn exposition is certainly a candidate for the presidency of the Ananias club. This certain guilty ear of corn measures some two feet in length and proudly bears some 2,000 golden grains. In the words of a visitor of undoubted Irish ancestry this



From the Washington Evening Star.

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