

MORE MERGERS BY MORGAN

Banker Preparing to Absorb Two Additional Trust Companies.

MANHATTAN AND BANKERS NEXT

Addition of These Companies to Combination, Announced Yesterday, Makes Total Resources of \$200,000,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—J. P. Morgan and associates may control, through further trust company mergers in New York under consideration, the enormous sum of \$200,000,000 in deposits alone. This is approximately \$80,000,000 more than the deposit of the National City bank, of this country, the largest financial institution in the United States.

Reports of additional trust company consolidation are given credence in view of yesterday's announcement of the merger by J. P. Morgan & Co., of the Guaranty Trust, Morton Trust and Fifth Avenue Trust companies, with combined deposits of about \$125,000,000. This brought a revival in the financial district of rumors embracing the Bankers Trust and the Manhattan Trust companies in this same combination. There were definite rumors that the Mercantile Trust company and the Equitable Trust company, eventually will be taken into some sort of a powerful alliance.

Alliance Already Close.

In point of fact the Bankers Trust company is already closely affiliated with the so-called Morgan interests in that two partners in the Morgan banking house—George W. Perkins and Henry P. Davison—are in the directorate of the former. Other directors of the Bankers Trust company, including A. B. Hepburn and A. H. Wiggin, president and vice president, respectively, of the Chase National bank, and William H. Porter, president of the Chemical National bank, are active in the affairs of the Guaranty Trust company, which is to be made the circular head of the Guaranty-Morgan-Fifth Avenue consolidation.

Relations between the Morgan interests and the Manhattan Trust company have always been intimate, though the latter is not regarded as a Morgan appendage. It is, perhaps, significant that the building now occupied by the Manhattan Trust company is to be razed soon to make way for a thirty-story building to be erected by the Bankers' Trust company.

Two Hundred Millions.

Deposits of the Bankers' Trust company aggregate \$46,500,000, and those of the Manhattan Trust company \$13,400,000, so that the two companies, if combined with those now in process of absorption by "J. P. Morgan and associates," would total in deposits more than \$300,000,000.

National banking interests do not look with uniform favor on the increase in trust company power. It was pointed out today that, inasmuch as the law makes it possible for the trust companies to hold stocks and to enjoy advantages forbidden to banks by the provisions of the national banking act, it would be easily possible for the larger trust companies to make up many underwriting propositions which the large banks of Wall street, under the law, found it inexpedient to handle.

NEBRASKA IN NEW CIRCUIT

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famous statement, and the work will be done thoroughly. Much of the work will be done by inspectors of the bureau of animal industry, but other divisions of the department will be called upon to assist.

The question of food supply is most complicated. In investigating it with regard to any particular locality, three facts are to be considered—first, the price paid by the wholesale merchant to the producer; second, the cost of transportation from the place of production, and third, the difference between the wholesale and retail prices. The location of the place of production and consequently the question of transportation play a large part in the general result.

Good Place for Zalinski.

Major Moses G. Zalinski, who has been in charge of the quartermaster's depot in this city since 1898, having taken a station in Washington from Omaha, will on January 15 succeed Colonel William S. Patten as depot quartermaster at New York. This is one of the most desirable assignments in many ways in the country, being the largest depot for quartermaster's supplies in the United States. The pay roll at the New York depot runs into the hundreds of thousands every month, which Major Zalinski will discharge in conjunction with other duties of his office.

It is unusual that a major succeeds a senior colonel to this important station in the quartermaster's department, but Major Zalinski has "made good" in Washington, and as he will receive his lieutenant colonelcy in July and as Colonel Patten will retire with the rank of brigadier general in April a transfer of stations was deemed for the best interests of the service.

Major Zalinski will be succeeded temporarily by Captain Harry L. Pettus, who is in charge of the construction of the Walter Reed United States hospital in this city. In addition to construction work at Washington Barracks, D. C., Fort Washington, Md., and Fort Hunt, Va.

Grenby Files Transcript.

Colonel John Grenby of South Dakota, in Washington and yesterday in the United States supreme court he filed a transcript of the record in the case of John C. McClellan, James S. McLean and others against John E. Clark, United States district judge for the district of South Dakota, on petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States circuit court of appeals for the eighth circuit.

Representative Mandell today introduced two bills each providing an appropriation for a site and erection thereon of public buildings at Buffalo and Basin, Wyo.

W. C. Cook of Sioux Falls, S. D., chairman of the state republican committee, was in Washington today enroute to New York. He called at the White House this morning to pay his respects to President Taft.

Charles A. Bates and wife of Pine Ridge

Agency, South Dakota, arrived in Washington today. Mr. Bates is a slotting surveyor of the Pine Ridge Agency and is in Washington on business connected with his position before the Indian bureaus.

New Rural Carriers.
Rural carriers appointed today were: Nebraska-Brunswick, route 2, A. W. Gunthorpe, carrier; no substitute. Laurel, route 1, Frit Dayebon, carrier; J. S. Jordan, substitute.

South Dakota—Elk Point, route 1, C. J. Murtha, carrier; George Murtha, substitute. Webster, route 2, Charles Nelson, carrier, no substitute.

The First National bank of Butte, Neb., has been authorized to begin business with \$50,000 capital. Elmer E. Boynton is president; Henry Olerich, vice president; Max L. Honke, cashier.

SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS

Both Houses Adjourn in Respect to Memory of Senator McLoaurin.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Reconvening after the holiday recess, the two houses of congress today adjourned until tomorrow after brief sessions out of respect to the memory of Senator McLoaurin of Mississippi, who died recently.

The session was in session eight minutes, taking only enough time to adopt a resolution of regret at Mr. McLoaurin's death offered by Senator Money. The house was informed of the adoption of this resolution while Representative Douglas of Ohio was in the midst of a thirty-minute speech in favor of more liberal appropriations for agricultural purposes.

A similar resolution to that of the senate, offered by Representative Bowers of Mississippi, was adopted after a short speech by Representative Adair of Indiana, who made a plea for economy in government expenditures, and at 1:15 o'clock the house adjourned.

STORM COVERS WHOLE STATE

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tying up of passenger trains. The storm is increasing in intensity.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 4.—A severe snow-storm raged in this city this morning. Street car service is seriously crippled. Traffic on railroads is delayed.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram).—The thermometer stood at three below zero this morning here and four inches of snow fell during the night. The cold continued during the day with little change.

Stock men are making unexpected levies upon stores of forage and say stock is bound to suffer. Many farmers have not yet been able to complete husking corn, which prevents turning cattle into the corn fields.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram).—The heaviest snowstorm of the season visited this section today. The ground is covered to the depth of seven inches. The mercury is nearly down to zero.

WEATHER BUREAU WARNS EAST

Disturbance Increasing in Intensity on Other Side of Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In a special bulletin today Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, warned all points throughout the northern half of the country of the approach of a severe storm. It is of marked intensity and was first noted over the plains states.

The disturbance is causing snow today in the Missouri and middle Mississippi river valleys and the Rocky mountain region and rain and snow in the southwest.

Officials of the bureau predict the snow area will increase in intensity and move eastward, attended by general precipitation within the next thirty-six hours in the districts east of the Mississippi.

The cold wave that came out of the northwest has advanced rapidly eastward, attended by decided falls in temperature throughout the east and as far south as the northern portions of the gulf states.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 4.—With the wind blowing from thirty-six to forty-eight miles an hour from the northwest the Virginia, Carolina and Maryland coasts were today swept by a winter gale with high seas which made it dangerous for all shipping caught at sea. A number of sailing vessels put into Hampton Roads.

SOUTHWEST IS BLANKETED

Storm Extends from Oklahoma Line Northward.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—Snow and sleet, accompanied by a cold north wind, with the temperature close to zero in Iowa and Nebraska, fell today, the storm extending from Oklahoma northward.

In the southwest there was no serious interference with traffic, although the fall of snow and sleet in Missouri, Kansas and northern Oklahoma was the heaviest of the season.

In central and western Kansas, the fall of snow was the heaviest in ten years, and it extended west to the Colorado line.

In western Kansas the snow began falling at midnight last night and by this morning it was a foot deep. In that portion of the state, trains on all railroads were late.

The temperature in Missouri, Kansas and in Northern Oklahoma, averages about 10 degrees above zero.

UNIVERSITY STAYS CLOSED.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram).—The University of Iowa will be closed the remainder of the week because of the coal famine. The blizzard prevents students from returning to their homes.

GAS LEAK IS NEARLY FATAL

Laborer Almost Suffocated to Death in His Room While Sleeping—Rescued in Time.

Frank Overwinder, a laborer, came near to death by asphyxiation by gas from a leak in his room at 615 North Seventeenth street. He was discovered in an unconscious state Tuesday afternoon. Dr. R. B. Harris, police surgeon, was called and revived Overwinder, who is expected to recover.

Overwinder went to bed at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and was not found until nearly 3 o'clock.

HYMENEAL

Feldier-Cooper.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram).—William Feldier and Miss Ruth Cooper of this place were married today at the home of the bride's parents.

The Weather.

For Nebraska—Probably heavy snow.

For Iowa—Probably heavy snow; warmer in east and central portions.

For South Dakota—Slight snow yesterday.

Big Sale Muslin Underwear.

Our great annual sale of women's muslin underwear will begin next Monday, Jan. 10.

BRANDEIS STORES.

Postmistress Eighteen Years.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special)—

It is believed that all records in South Dakota for length of continuous service in charge of a single postoffice have been broken by Mrs. C. L. Willett, who on January 1 retired from the office of postmistress at Bee Heights, after having served continuously during the last eighteen years. Advancing years caused her to resign the office and turn it over to

IOWAN INVENTOR OF TORPEDO

Fred Ikerman of Eldora Wins Fortune from Government.

TEST HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Missile Devised by Veteran in Soldiers' Home Proves of Great Value in Defensive Warfare.

ELDORA, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Twelve months ago a man of very modest means, today rich beyond his wildest hopes, is that the story of Fred Ikerman, until very recently of Eldora, who has just received \$10,000 from the government for a naval torpedo, invented for coast defense. After a test lasting over a period of five months, during which time Ikerman demonstrated the torpedo for \$10 a day and his expenses the government has finally adopted his torpedo and bought the patent.

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