

IS LURED 10,000 MILES FOR ARREST

Banking Company Official, Called from China, is Seized Upon Arrival in \$189,000 Case.

New York, Oct. 31—Arriving in New York on Sunday after a trip of more than 10,000 miles, Henry Werblow, acting manager of the Asia Banking Corporation, was arrested on the charge of playing a part in one of the cleverest international banking frauds on record.

Robert Werblow, a brother of Henry, was arrested a few hours later, and the two men were locked up at police headquarters by Detective Barney Flood and a representative of the Guaranty Trust Company charged with the larceny of \$189,000 by means of forged cablegrams.

Instead of attempting to arrest Werblow in China or discharging him, the Asia Banking Company kept him employed and showed every appearance of trust in him. Henry was so far from considering himself under suspicion that a cablegram calling him back to this country for consultation on the bank's affairs did not make him suspicious. It was impossible to extradite him from China and difficult to try him there, so this plan of deceiving him to this country was used successfully.

End of 10,000-Mile Trip.

After he stepped off the train at the end of his journey of more than 10,000 miles Henry was trailed to 763 Park Place, Brooklyn. Robert, who until recently was employed by the Chase National Bank, was arrested at 112 West Forty-fourth street.

Robert is alleged to have originated the conspiracy and to have directed it from New York, while his brother in China and a third con-



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spirator in London, it is alleged, worked the frauds by crooked cablegrams from Shanghai to London.

Whether Henry had taken employment with the Asia Banking Corporation in China with the purpose of carrying out this fraud is uncertain, according to officials of the Guaranty Trust Company, but the plot, it is asserted, was laid for many months or even years before it was executed. The crooked telegrams were sent from Shanghai to London, procuring the

fraudulent transfer of funds six months or more ago.

The distances involved were so great, the trick was so novel and so cleverly executed, that it went undetected for five months after the bank had been cheated out of the \$189,000, according to officials of the Guaranty Trust Company. It was announced that \$110,000 of the stolen money had been recovered and that the remaining loss falls on a surety company, not on the banks involved.

The first step in the conspiracy, it was asserted, was taken by Henry in obtaining the key to one of the international codes used by the Guaranty Trust Company. The next step is asserted to have been the sending of a genuine cable transfer of funds from Shanghai to London. This was an order on the Guaranty Trust Company for 800 pounds in favor of Max Elliott. This transfer was brought and paid for and was correct in every way, it is asserted, except for the fact that "Max Elliott" was a name assumed by the third confederate.

Obtained the Money.

Elliott presented himself at the bank and obtained the 800 pounds. He produced credentials which were fabricated in New York City. Finding everything apparently genuine, the London office of the Guaranty Trust Company, according to the account obtained yesterday, paid the money.

This bona fide transfer, it was charged, was intended to give the supposed Max Elliott a good standing with the bank. In sending the 800 pounds, Henry Werblow is said to have cleverly added to his cable message a line reading: "Government has given a contract for bridge. Thirty per cent. to be paid within a few days."

This was to indicate that Elliott, through his connections in China, had undertaken large engineering operations there and that considerable financing would be necessary.

A few days later another cable message came from Shanghai to the Guaranty Trust Company offices in London transferring \$2,600 from the account of the Asia Banking Corporation to Max Elliott. This was duly paid. Then came a \$5,000 order of the same description, which was duly paid. This continued until the amount totaled \$189,000.

The London "Max Elliott" is asserted to have been a relative of the two men arrested here. Whether he had been arrested or not was said to be uncertain yesterday.

Five months elapsed before the alleged crooked transaction was detected. Suspicion did not rest on the Werblows

at first, it was said, because Henry had remained quietly at his post in the Orient. His manner of life was unchanged. His relationship to the alleged conspirators in New York and London was not known.

One Point Not Cleared.

Another point which could not be cleared up yesterday was whether the conspirator who obtained the money had actually distributed shares to the Werblows of China and New York.

Robert Werblow during this time was working at the Chase National Bank in this city. It came to light finally that many cablegrams had been exchanged between them, and the officials of the two banking institutions finally became convinced that the Werblows were guilty.

Their evidence was placed before District Attorney Banton, who assigned Assistant District Attorney Harold Hastings to work up the case. The evidence was placed before the Grand Jury and a series of indictments were found.

The plot is believed to have been hatched in this city, making it possible for a trial to be held here, in spite of the fact that the actual commission of the alleged crime seems to have taken place in China and England. Complicated questions of law are likely to be raised and witnesses and evidence must be imported from remote parts of the world before the trial can be held.

The conspirators, it is charged, arranged for their scheme in such a way as to cast suspicion away from themselves and upon others. They were apparently under the impression that the bank and the detectives of China and England were all on the wrong trail.

Both brothers, it was said yesterday, were completely taken by surprise by their arrest, and protested their innocence.

According to a report from London, the conspirator in England, after obtaining the money, called a large part of it to China, where several thousand pounds were later recovered.

NEW ITALIAN CABINET NAMED

The new Italian cabinet of Benito Mussolini includes:

Premier, minister of the interior and foreign affairs—Benito Mussolini.

Minister of war—General Armando Diaz.

Minister of marine—Vice-Admiral Thaon di Revel.

Minister of the treasury—Prof. Luigi L. Einaudi (Nationalist).

Minister of industry—Theophile Rossi (Nationalist).

Minister of finance—Signor De Stefani (Fascist).

Minister of the colonies—Luigi Federzoni (Nationalist).

Minister of liberated regions—Signor Giusti (Fascist).

Minister of justice—Aldo Oviglio (Fascist).

Minister of education—Signor Gentile (Democrat).

Minister of agriculture—Luigi Capitani (Fascist).

Minister of public works—Signor Carnazza (Nationalist).

Minister of posts and telegraphs—Signor Di Cesa (Nationalist).

Minister of social welfare—Stefano Cavazzoni (Catholic).

MOORE GOVERNOR OF LABOR OFFICE

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, Oct. 30—Tom Moore, of Canada, is among the six workers' delegates to the international labor congress elected to the governing body of the international labor office, says a Reuter despatch from Geneva.

BLIND MAN WINS LAW PRIZE

J. B. Maffa, Awarded Columbia College Scholarship.

New York, Oct. 31—J. B. Maffa, a blind youth, twenty-three years old, was announced as one of the three winners of law scholarships in Columbia College. The honor comes as the climax of a series of achievements in the short, brilliant history of this student-achievements including forcing his way past the rules which denied him entrance to the college four years ago, earning a living while studying, and participating successfully in athletics.

Maffa, who was blinded by a blast of dynamite at the age of nine, studied by himself, and at nineteen tried to enter Columbia. Upon being denied admission, he took the extension course offered by the university and in that first year made such a distinguished record for scholarship that he was admitted to the college as a sophomore. Earning his living by giving exhibition checker games, where he played from eight to twenty men at once, he continued with his brilliant work as a student, finding time and talent in the meantime to win the Kilroe medal for the intercollegiate heavyweight wrestling championship and to undertake the duties of the vice-president of the sophomore class.

BIG SHIPS HAVE STORMY PASSAGE

Chebourg, Oct. 30—The Cunard Line steamer Aquitania arrived here this evening after a tempestuous voyage from New York and landed 200 passengers. The Saxonia also arrived. Owing to the tempest she took three

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

EXPERIMENT WAS SUCCESS.

Strathroy Farmer Raised Sweet Potato Crop.

Strathroy, Oct. 31—The people of this district have been for a long time proud of the variety and range of their climate and natural products, and now comes another proof of all this. W. S. Cochran, of Victoria street, is firmly of the opinion that sweet potatoes will grow just as well here as in their native soil of the Southern States. This summer he planted one potato in his garden, and on digging the hill recently was surprised to find no less than seventy-two tubers, some of them ten inches long, and all fine samples.

The opening smoker of the Temple Club was held last evening in the

LIQUOR LAWS IN QUEBEC

NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

Ottawa, Oct. 31—Alderic Bourgeois, 165 Montcalm street, Hull, son of a Hull city official, was convicted on four charges in Hull police court and sentenced to terms in jail that will aggregate one year, for violating the Quebec Liquor Act. Bourgeois had boasted that no officer had courage to prosecute him.

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