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FORGED CHECK GOT \$300,000 WORTH OF SECURITIES

New York Bank the Victim

Stranger Paid the Loan of Brokerage Concern With the Bogus Paper and Received the Collateral in Return—Police Searching for the Slick Gent.

New York, Sept. 28.—The details of a scheme where the National City Bank of this city was recently victimized by a clever forger, came out today. The forger presented a bogus check bearing the name of a well known stock exchange firm and received in return securities valued at about \$300,000.

Pearl & Co., stock brokers at 27 William street, recently negotiated a one-day loan for \$300,000 with this unnamed institution. On Wednesday a check for the amount of the loan, plus \$7.50 for the one day's interest, was presented at the bank by a stranger who received the securities deposited by Pearl & Co. for their loan.

MOTHER AND FOUR LITTLE CHILDREN BRUTALLY MURDERED

Edna, Texas, Sept. 25.—Mrs. A. J. Condit and four children, a daughter and three boys from four to ten years old, were murdered in cold blood at their home near here today. The mother and daughter were assaulted and their bodies brutally disfigured.

A baby about two years old was the only one left. All others seemed to have been murdered with some blunt instrument, their heads were crushed and their throats cut with a knife or razor. The girl and mother were killed in the house. The boys were killed about 100 yards away.

Mr. Condit was working in the rice fields. A negro boy about twelve years old was plowing in a field near the house and heard the children screaming. He saw a man run after a woman, who was running around the house. Being afraid to go to the house, he ran to a neighbor and told what he had seen.

SHERIFF HATFIELD OF KINGS COUNTY DEAD

Passed Away Yesterday After a Lingering Illness—Appointed in 1898 to Succeed Late Sheriff Freeze—Was 68 Years Old and a Member of I. O. F.

Bloomfield, Sept. 28.—Sheriff D. B. Hatfield, of Kings county, died at his home at 6 o'clock this afternoon, after a lingering illness of several months. Early last spring he was taken ill with pneumonia, from which he recovered sufficiently to take slight outdoor exercise, but other complications set in, terminating in

CAPTAIN SPAIN SUED BY WIFE

Wants to Enforce Agreement to Pay Her Separation Money

PRICE OF BREAD UP

Ottawa Bakers Haven't Raised the Price But Cut Half a Pound Off the Weight of Each Loaf—Secret Chinese Societies Flourish at Dominion Capital.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—(Special)—The troubles between Commander Spain, of the marine department, Mrs. Spain and Capt. Salmon have been brought into the county court. Commander Spain has been examined for discovery.

On an agreement for separation in 1904 between Mr. and Mrs. Spain, the wife was to receive \$840 per annum. Mr. Spain says that it was understood, although not written in the bond, that Mrs. Spain was to keep away from Capt. Salmon, but she did not do so. Legal action against Spain for the payment of \$210 for the first quarter was started by W. B. A. Ritchie, of Halifax.

An evening paper says that there exists among Ottawa's Chinese residents a branch of the secret Hong How or High-binders there is no doubt. A reporter interviewed a goodly portion of the 120 Chinese residents of the city and secured sufficient information for the above statement, and much more concerning the doings of the local celestials.

Although another society exists called the Hip Sing Tong, it is little in comparison with the all-powerful Hong How. But the intense feeling of rivalry between the two societies is bitter, often leading to murder, as instanced in the recent case on Bank street when Han Jim Lut assaulted Charlie Mark and dangerously wounded him.

FRANCO-GERMAN ACCORD OVER MOROCCO SIGNED

Paris, Sept. 28.—Premier Rouvier and Prince Kon Radolin, the German ambassador, at noon today signed the Franco-German accord concerning the Moroccan conference, thus definitely terminating the difficult negotiations. Preceding the signature, Dr. Rosen, representing Germany, and L. Revoll, in behalf of France, met at the foreign office and went over the final details of the accord which will be given out later.

WHITE WOMAN GOT TEN YEARS FOR MARRYING NEGRO

Magnolia, Miss., Sept. 28.—Theresa Perkins, a white woman, was sentenced today to ten years in the penitentiary for marrying and living with a negro, Robert Brown. Judge Wilkinson, in passing sentence, regretted that he could not make the punishment heavier. The woman declared that she did not know Brown was a negro. Brown has left the country.

Price of Oil Hoisted Again.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—The Standard Oil Company today again advanced the price of all grades of crude oil, except raglan. The higher grades of oil were raised five cents and the lower grades two cents.

GEORGE W. PERKINS A STUBBORN WITNESS

Declined to Produce J. P. Morgan & Co.'s Books Before Insurance Committee, But He Will Be Forced To—Reluctantly Admits Some More Deals in Which He Represented Both Sides—How Agents Were Taken from Equitable by New York Life at Enormous Cost.



Characteristic Poses of Mr. Perkins While Testifying Before Investigating Committee

New York, Sept. 28.—Several sensational incidents developed at the session of the legislative committee on life insurance investigation today. The first was when George W. Perkins, vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., objected to producing the books of his firm showing a certain transaction of that firm with the New York Life. Mr. Perkins offered to present a copy of the entry in question from the books, but Mr. Hughes demanded the books after several refusals on the part of Mr. Perkins. The books will be produced later.

JAPS WILL SOON DECIDE ABOUT SEIZED CANADIAN STEAMER

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—(Special)—A cable was received today from Mr. Lyttleton, the colonial secretary, stating that the Japanese prize court would give its preliminary decision in a few days in the case of the Antiope, the Canadian steamer seized by Japan on the charge that it had contraband on board.

Beat Her Successful Rival Unmercifully Before She Set the Match to the Building—Care-taker Stood By and Didn't Attempt to Prevent Her—Committed to Dorchester for Trial.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 28.—(Special)—Grace Beechman, who was arrested last night on a charge of wilfully burning down a barn belonging to Flewelling Wilbur at Lutz Mountain, was today committed for trial. The witnesses for the prosecution were Geo. Dryden and wife, who live at the farm and a girl named Mabel Williams, who was being boarded at Dryden's by the owner of the farm.

JEALOUSY CAUSED GRACE BEECHMAN TO BURN WILBUR'S BARN

Williams girls' presence at Wilbur's place caused a lively row. Beechman heard of Wilbur's attentions to the Williams' girl and grew jealous. No sooner had she arrived at the place than she pounced upon the girl and drove her from the house, administering a severe beating, leaving her with a black eye and bruised about the head and body. Afterwards she set fire to the barn and threatened to burn the house, while Dryden stood by and let her have full swing.

Miss Gould Gives \$150,000 to Y. M. C. A.

Detroit, Sept. 28.—Miss Helen Miller Gould has agreed to give \$150,000 for a railroad Young Men's Christian Association building at St. Louis (Mo.).

Buffalo Agents Came High.

A situation in Buffalo in 1901 between the Equitable and the N. Y. Life was brought out and in order to get agents of the Equitable away from that company, liberal advances and liberal contracts were made with the investigation.

White Mr. Perkins was on the stand during the afternoon there was somewhat of a clash between the witness and Mr. Hughes, the first of anything of this nature that has occurred since the committee began its sessions. It was when Mr. Perkins was testifying to the moneys in the "N. Y. Life insurance" fund, of which he is trustee. Mr. Perkins did not want to appear on the records that the agents paid part of their salaries into the fund under contract, unless the words "and bonuses" appeared. He said to Mr.

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Harvard's 27th Year Begins.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 28.—The 27th academic year of Harvard College was begun today. Among the new students is Theodore Roosevelt, jr., son of the president of the United States.

WINTHROP MYSTERY CLUES ALL RUN DOWN

CITIZEN ARMY AS A HOME DEFENCE

Dundonald Says He Proved Scheme Feasible When in Canada

WOULD TRAIN BOYS

Disapproves of Compulsory Military Service for Adults—Says it is Useless to Get Colonial Governments to Maintain an Army for Imperial Purposes.

London, Sept. 28.—(Special)—A special London cable says: In the October number of the Fortnightly Review there appears a twelve page article entitled "Notes on a Citizen Army," by Lord Dundonald.

"That such an organization as a citizen army for home defence is feasible I have always believed and my recent experience with the citizen militia of Canada has given me practical proof of the soundness of my belief," is one of his remarks.

Lord Dundonald, entirely disapproves of compulsory military service for the adult, in time of peace as a basis. The starting point of any scheme for a large voluntary citizen army must be the military training of boys, according to his ideas.

After a lengthy review of his own work in Canada, he says: "In the past all efforts to persuade colonial governments to maintain organized forces in readiness for imperial purposes have been doomed to failure and there is nothing in the history of the last five years to lead us to expect a change of attitude; but all the advantages sought for might be obtained, without any accompanying objections, by applying a bonus system to the colonial forces. A colonial war service might be instituted, for which I am certain whole regiments of colonial militia would volunteer. My experience of the Canadian citizen soldiers convince me that many regiments would thus volunteer en masse."

"The changes in the higher administration of the national forces of Canada and Australia have brought about something like a divorce between the imperial and colonial military organizations. It is not necessary to emphasize the disadvantages even of such a tendency. The whole question of imperial unity is seriously affected by it."

WITTE AT HOME; WARMLY GREETED

Reception in Marked Contrast to One on His Departure.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—M. Witte arrived here at 8:25 a. m. and was accorded a very hearty reception by a large crowd of officials and others. In a brief speech replying to a welcoming address M. Witte showed clearly that he was deeply touched by the welcome with which he was received. When he left St. Petersburg in July a small delegation of officials accompanied him to the railway station to his final farewell. There was no public demonstration whatever. Today there were seven or eight times as many officials despite the early hour of the train's arrival and an enthusiastic crowd of 500 or 600 people.

The crowd had collected near where M. Witte would disembark, but when he appeared they broke out into long and loud cheers to which M. Witte bowed acknowledgment. The spokesman then advanced and read the address of welcome, in the meanwhile standing bareheaded. It read:

"You have accomplished your difficult task and the nation is grateful to you. You have given the credit for your feat to Emperor Nicholas and President Roosevelt, Emperor William of Germany and to the press, but you forgot yourself. We, however, appreciate your services to your country. The tree you planted at the Washington homestead at Mount Vernon will serve as a token of the union between the two nations. You have gained much."

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M. Witte's last word was followed by further loud and hearty cheering, after which M. Witte shook hands with the deliverer of the address and his friends and former colleagues. The crowd followed closely toward the door where an open carriage was in waiting. As soon as M. Witte was seated the coachman started his team and as he drove dashing away the crowd broke out into a succession of loud cheers.

TRURO FARMER HAD CLOSE CALL

Truro, N. S., Sept. 28.—(Special)—Campbell Johnson, a young farmer of Lower Truro, had a narrow escape from death on the Midland Railway last night. As he was nearing the crossing with a team it made so much noise he could not hear the train and could not see it till it came quickly around a bluff. Johnson reined in his horses but not till one had got on to the track. The engine tore the animal out of the harness and carried it eighty yards. The mate to the killed horse was uninjured.

ROTARY SAW CUT OFF MAN'S LEG

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 28.—(Special)—A bad accident happened to Thomas Musie, jr., at Murchie's mill, Deer Lake, yesterday afternoon. He was employed at the carriage of the rotary saw, when through a mishap and to save himself from a fatal accident, he jumped over the moving saw which severed his right leg six inches below the knee.

Stoessel Has Paralytic Stroke.

Moscow, Sept. 28.—Lieut-General Stoessel, who commanded the Russian forces at Port Arthur, is suffering from a stroke of paralysis, which affects his left leg side. The general's recovery is hoped for.

Police More Puzzled Than Ever

Bundle of Clothing Found Accounted For—No Similarity in Three Blonde Hairs—Quilt Picked Up Belonged to Yachtsman—Divers Still at Work Searching for Woman's Limbs.

Boston, Sept. 28.—The situation tonight in the Winthrop dress suit case mystery, the police admit, is substantially the same as it was a week ago tonight, when the gruesome find was made near the floor of the Winthrop Yacht Club. All the police have that appears tangible and vital is the fact of the purchase of dress suit cases at pawn shops of Pitt street, and the identification of them by the pawnbroker.

With the single exception of a broker's story every clue has been down and satisfactory account of the suspicious circumstance.

The bundle of clothing found in Park, the mackintosh, the logs bridge, and the Shirley Point, all of a time connected, have been eliminated, as worthless.

The blonde hair, the coincidence, the articles, have been all microscopic examined. Whitney, of Harvard, who is no sim. larity in either texture or color, so that they had not come from the head of the same person.

Bundle of Clothes Accounted For. The bundle of clothes, which was wrapped in the paper marked "R. O. Burkhart, 2 Dalton street," had been thrown into the water after the death of Mrs. Burnham's sister in Winthrop. They had been used about the sick bed of the woman. Mrs. Burnham refrained from telling the police to avoid possible embarrassment to her sister.

The quilt was claimed by a South Boston yachtsman, whose boat had been sunk in the harbor.

The appearance today of Charles E. Beckwith, the Marlboro cobbler, who came here and claimed to identify the case, only added, for the time, to the confusion. He told the state police that he had needed the case on Aug. 14 for a man who said he was a Winthrop physician. The police, however, are of the opinion that Mr. Beckwith is mistaken in the dress suit case, for if the story of the pawnbroker is to be believed, the case had not been sold on Aug. 14.

The police are now directing their attention along two lines of investigation—the recovery of the second suit case, and the identity of the purchaser. They look for little reward from any other source.

The work of the divers is being continued and will be until the entire bottom of Winthrop Bay has been covered.

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