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## BOY FORGER KILLS SELF ON CAPTURE

Arizona Youth of 20 Had Robbed Three New York Banks of \$28,000

Caught in Previdence - Used \$600 of Loot to Repay Seattle Institution He Mulcted Earlier

(New York Sun.)

John A. Frye was only twenty years old when the detectives closed in on him old when the detectives closed in on him yesterday, but despite the brevity of his career he had managed to rob one bank in which he was employed, next had obtained a position of trust in another bank in the southwest and finally had used his last position as a stepping stone toward defrauding three of the principal banks in Manhattan's down-town finanged with the state of \$28,000 by a cleen hit of cial district of \$28,000 by a clever bit of

forgery.

Tucked away in the abnormal mind workings of the youth, who was clear eyed, rosy cheeked and of likable manworkings of the youth, who was clear eyed, rosy checked and of likable manners, was a warped strain of something approaching respect for the decencies. He believed that a little bank out in Seattle, where he had begun his thefts by stealing \$600, could not afford the triffing loss as well as the big banks in Manhattan which he had robbed. Wherefore about the first, thing he did after getting the \$820,000 fraudulently here was to send a draft for \$600 to the Seattle bank, thus robbing Peter to square himself with Paul.

A little less than a year ago Frye, who was both bookkeeper and stenographer in the Seattle bank, went into the office of the head of the little bank and announced he had decided to come east, where, he said, he hoped to find better chances of advancement in the banking business. His Seattle employers told him months ago. Early last February is suit case—less the \$8000 which he had so the first cash less than the presenct bank in months ago. Early last February 15 husiness. His Seattle employers cleaned and was put to wark as correspondence clerk in the should be. Crooks don't refuse \$4,000 when proffered to them. But evid they out the should be complete. When the banks in Manhattan learned they had been defrauded they told their book was both bookkeeper and stenographer in the Seattle bank, went into the office of the head of the little bank and announced he had decided to come east, where, he said, he hoped to find better chances of advancement in the banking business. His Seattle employers to be succeeded by the succeeding the properties of the succeeding the succeed

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#### he wrote three letters to big banks here CHILL STARTS COLD which have business relations with the Prescott bank. In each of the letters he WAS SICK 4 WEEKS

### told the New York banking men that a man named John A. Frye within a few days would visit the New York banks Just Able to Crawl About

days would visit the New York banks and would present checks and drafts. The Prescott bank, he wrote, would appreciate the favor if the New York banks would honor the paper of their "customer," Mr. Frye. The Mr. Frye about to appear in New York, Mr. Frye wrote further, would present a letter that was a duplication of the one the bankers here were receiving through the mails from Prescott.

To this letter Frye forged the signature of Cashier Derrick of the Prescott State Bank. The signature, so it was said yesterday by experts at the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, who finally ran Frye to earth, was one of the best pieces of forged penmanship they ever had come upon.

Just Able to Crawl About of the New York banks and would present checks and drafts. Mr. Weldon T; Hawkes, Curryville, N. B., writes: "Last spring I was taken very ill with a severe cold. I got wet and it started with a chill. I was sick four weeks, and was just able to crawl about. People all said I had inflammation of the lungs, and I think I did. I told a friend to get me two bottles of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and before the first one was taken my cold and cough were broken up, and the second did its work completely. I am raising a family and I find that it is a good medicine for the children."

There is no remedy that will cure

The local banks deeming the signature of Cashier Derrick of Prescott to be genuine, hastened to oblige young Mr. Frye. In what sized bills did the visitor want There are so many spurious "Pine" preparations on the market that you should see you get "Dr. Wood's" when

photographs and descriptions of the raye lad broadcast, with instructions to their operatives in all cities to look out for a twenty-year-old youth who had a fondness for depositing bigger sums than ton agency at Providence, R. I., learned that recently a youth answering the description of Frye had come to town and local bank to the account of "Charles Bantum." Supt. Packard, head of the Pinkerton office in Providence, looked up young "Mr. Bantum" and found that he and the youth photographed as Frye were identical. All that Supt. Packard could leave about "Bantum" res could learn about "Bantum" was that he had the sizable bank account and was living quietly in an apartment at 206 Broad street, Providence. The lad was preparing, so Packard learned, to go to France to try to get into some branch of

At seven o'clock yesterday morning Supt. Packard and a Providence polyman knocked at the door of Frye's apartment. He hailed to them to come

ment. He hailed to them to come in. They found him sitting up in bed trying to rub the sleep out of his eyes. Supt. Packard accused him of defrauding the banks here and let him look upon a photograph of himself.

"You win," said Frye calmly, as he saw the picture in the Pinkerton man's hand. "Most of the money is on deposit here, so the banks in New York will not lose much. And there's \$400 in the top drawer of the bureau here. I paid back drawer of the bureau here. I paid back the \$600 I took from the Seattle bank. I'll dress and go with you."

He threw down the bed clothes, his right hand pressed beneath the edge of his pillow as he turned about, and sat on the edge of the bed thoughtfully for a moment, his bare feet on the floor. And then his right hand arm moved

moment, his bare feet on the floor. And then his right hand and arm moved quickly. From beneath the pillow suddenly came his hand.

The officers jumped forward as they saw the quick movement. Before they could reach his side he placed the muzzle of an automatic pictol to his head and blew his brains out.

The report for the month of March at the regular meeting of the Associated Charities yesterday afternoon, by the secretary, Miss Grace Robertson, showed that a good month's work has been carried out by the association. The president, J. Hunter White, was in the chair. In addition to routine business the dismeeting. The secretary's report was as follows: Applications received, 183; requests for employment, 41; recommended, 47; requests for maids, 21; seeking relief, 13; relief procured for, 12; records given, 20; visits made, 16; cases investigated (four for other cities), 9; clothing given to, 16; asked for transportation, 2.

## ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, 1 Madison avenue, New York, Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer, announces contribution received during the week ending March 22 totalling \$65,-

072.76. C. V. Vickrey, executive secretary for the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, issues the following statement:
"The German-Russian treaty trans-

ferring territory to Turkey does not se-cure the physical occupation of the ter-ritory. It must be remembered that the Caucasus republic does not accept the Bolsheviki treaty,

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Frye arrived in New York February 15. Immediately he showed he was clever in other things beside penmanship. First he went to one of the banks here on his list and displayed a draft on the Anglo-London and Paris Bank of San Francisco for \$15,000. Also he presented a letter which was a duplicate of the letter he had written to the banks.

The legislation for the children."

There is no remedy that will cure stubborn colds or coughs, the kind that won't let go, like Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

It allays the inflammation, soothes the irritation, heals the diseased mucous lining of the lungs and bronchial tubes, and rids the system completely of all will doubtless escape into Persia, Rusented a letter which was a duplicate of the children."

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workers will continue to serve them.

"If chaos should increase in the Caucasus, our friends both American missionaries and Armenian refugees, need our help more than ever before and we must not desert them.

Even if the doese should be complete.

while Detective Haskins and Kelly of the First Branch Detective Bureau were trying to locate Frye in the general neighborhood of Manhattan the Pinkertons set their operatives in many cities to work on a simple plan of campaign which "the Pinks" have found by long experience often works effectively.

As explained at the local offices of the Pinkerton agency at 92 Liberty street yesterday, one of the first things which comes to the mind of a detective who has had experience with crooked bank employes is that, if they run true to form, they immediately will seek a bank or safe deposit vault in the place in which they decide to hide and deposit the cash in the bank or safe deposit box.

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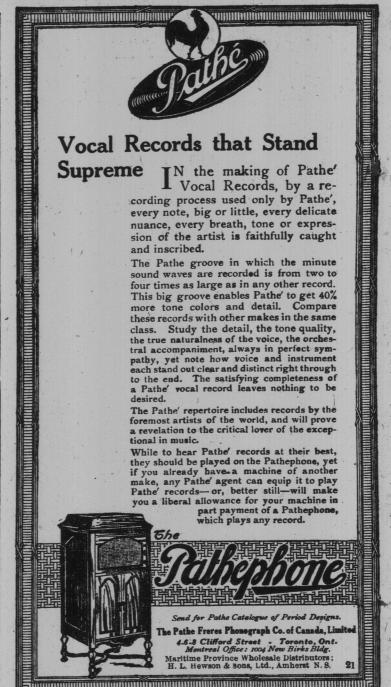
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"A recent letter from our most remote station in the interior of the Ottoman Empire contains the following paragraph:

"Great suffering, but great joy, over the arrival of money in time to enable us to buy grain for the winter. We have taken in a lot of little children and are doing kindergarten and such other school work as we can."



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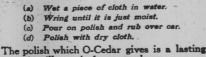
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