

BIG BANK CLOSED.

Head of the Northern Is In a Madhouse.

"DEPOSITORS WON'T LOSE."

Attorney For Institution and Its Nine Branches Says It Will Pay Out. Joseph G. Robin, Now Insane, Said to Have Used Its Money.

New York, Dec. 28.—Joseph G. Robin, described as present as a banker, was committed to a madhouse Monday at the instance of his friends, while two state departments were going through his banking and insurance performances on a holiday. His bank, the Northern, at 215 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, with deposits of \$7,000,000, was closed by the banking department before business could open after the Christmas holiday. It has nine branches, which were closed simultaneously. Officials say the depositors will lose nothing.

The insurance department set things going against Robin through an inquiry into the financing of the Aetna Indemnity company of Hartford by Robin, who, the department says, treated the assets of a lot of companies he controlled as his own personal property.

District Attorney Whitman was in conference Monday night with Orion Cheney, superintendent of banks, and William H. Hotchkiss, superintendent of insurance, over Robin's transactions, when he was informed that Robin had just been committed by Supreme Court Justice Amend, sitting at his house, to a private sanitarium, as an insane person.

It was reported to Superintendent Hotchkiss that Robin had been carrying cyanide of potassium about with him, threatening to use it if criminal proceedings were begun against him, and had attempted to jump from a window at the Cafe Beaux Arts, where he was living.

The case will go to the grand jury, and Robin's will not be the only name presented. Frederick D. Morris, described by Superintendent Hotchkiss as Robin's confidential man, is said to have suffered a stroke of apoplexy Monday. At his house it was said that he was ill.

James M. Gifford of the law firm of Gifford, Hobbs and Beard, who is the attorney for the Northern bank as well as one of its directors, said that after the discovery that there were irregularities in Robin's dealings with the bank he (Mr. Gifford) and another director called on Robin in the latter's apartments at the Beaux Arts Friday night to demand that Robin put up collateral for loans made by the bank on Robin's paper.

"We found Mr. Robin," Mr. Gifford said, "suffering from kidney trouble and in the greatest agony. We could get no connected statement from him. We returned Monday night. Mr. Robin's mental disorder was awful. He was suffering from a form of insanity that medical men call paranoia.

"While in this condition Saturday Mr. Robin tried to kill himself, but his efforts were frustrated by a watchful nurse.

"With cash amounting to about \$2,000,000 and quick assets of about \$3,000,000 some people might think it was ridiculous for us to close our doors in this way, but we considered that as soon as the discovery of the irregularities became known it would cause a run on the bank. During the last few days certain directors put in large sums of money to strengthen the bank's condition, and in some instances sums of more than \$50,000 were deposited.

"Robin was chairman of the executive committee of the bank, and as chairman he had great power. It was for this reason that the directors did not know just what Robin had been doing."

"The depositors will receive 100 cents on the dollar," Mr. Gifford concluded, "and the stockholders will get a substantial dividend if certain collateral can be realized upon."

NEWS OF DEATH KILLS HIM.

Samuels Drops Dead as Son Tells How Relative Died.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Charles Wolff, for forty-three years a clothing merchant here, dropped dead in the store of his son-in-law, Aaron Samuels.

His son-in-law had just told Mr. Wolff that a relative had dropped dead when Mr. Wolff fell to the floor. Death was instantaneous. He was seventy-four years old.

DISMISS SUIT, PACKERS SAY.

Their Attorney Asks Government to Stop Prosecuting Alleged Trust.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—United States District Attorney Edwin W. Sims appeared before Judge Kohlsaat in the federal court and asked that the dissolution suit of the government against the National Packing company, which had been accused of being a trust, be dismissed.

NORTHERN DEPOSITORS.

Men Reading Notices That Their Money Is Tied Up.



Photo by American Press Association.

GAGGED HER, STARTED FIRE.

Girl of Twenty Found on Floor of an Office—Money Gone.

New York, Dec. 28.—A boy who entered the office of the Paul Schadd company, dealers in plumbers' supplies, found the bookkeeper, Ada Piers, lying on the floor with a towel tied over her mouth and some loose papers blazing on a pile of ledgers. The boy called a policeman, who put out the fire, lifted the bookkeeper into a chair and removed the gag.

She said a man about forty-six years old with a full beard and shabbily dressed came in, drew a revolver and bound a towel around her face and made her show him the cash drawer. In the drawer was \$50. She said that in opening the drawer and while making a pretense at helping him get the change she scooped \$42 in bills out and threw them under a desk, so that he only got \$8.

After that, she said, he set fire to a pile of papers on top of the books, took the petty cashbook, and knocking her down and saying that he would kill her if she made an outcry, he left the office.

Nobody around the building saw the shabby man with the full beard. Miss Piers is twenty years old and lives with her parents.

DECISIVE BATTLE IS ON.

Mexican Federals and Rebels Meet at Mal Paso.

City of Mexico, Dec. 28.—In an interview the minister of war says that a battle is now progressing at Mal Paso. The government troops are attacking the rebels from both sides, the troops under Colonel Cuellar, advancing from Chihuahua, engaging them from one side, while General Navarro, from Pedernales, is attacking them from the other direction. The minister of war admits that the rebels are strongly entrenched, but says the government is sure to win. Colonel Cuellar has 2,000 men, and it is said General Navarro has at least 800.

An insurrection has broken out in Tabasco. A hundred rebels have attacked several towns. A small detachment of troops sent against them engaged them in a fight which lasted five hours without decisive results. The rebels, however, retired to the mountains.

The government has sent 200 troops from the garrison at Vera Cruz to assist those already in the field.

A CUDAHY CONFERENCE.

Settlement For Wife Is Postponed by Packer's Son.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Various members of the Cudahy family held a conference in the Alexandria hotel at which was discussed a change in the settlement with Mrs. Jack Cudahy, arranged by the will of Michael Cudahy. The meeting was secret and no statement was made public at the close. Jack Cudahy, John Cudahy, his uncle, and Gerald Cudahy, the young son of John Cudahy, were at the conference.

It was learned that nothing definite was arrived at, principally because Jack Cudahy requested that nothing be done at present. This is taken by friends and relatives to mean that a remarriage is imminent.

WIFE HAS CLAPP ARRESTED.

Although She Is Under Bail For Shooting Him, She Brings Charges.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—As he was leaving St. Mary's hospital Herbert Mason Clapp, who was shot in a quarrel with his wife on Dec. 3, was arrested. The charge, preferred by Mrs. Clapp, is assault and battery with intent to kill, desertion and nonsupport. Clapp was held in \$3,000 bail for a further hearing. Mrs. Clapp is now under bail on the charge of shooting her husband.

Weather Probabilities.

Increasing cloudiness Wednesday; rain or snow in northern, rain in southern portion by night; Thursday, rain in extreme southern portion and rain or snow and colder in interior; southerly winds, increasing Wednesday night.

Saturday Night Talks

By Rev. F. E. DAVISON, Rutland, Vt.

THE YOUNG MAN'S BEST ADVISERS.

International Bible Lesson for Jan. 1, '11—(I-Kings 12:1-24).

Solomon had a thousand wives and concubines, yet he had but one son. Solomon was the wisest of men, yet his son, Rehoboam, was a fool. Solomon built up, through the long years of his reign, a mighty empire. Rehoboam split it wide open on the day of his coronation. Solomon came to the throne when young in years, yet he ruled in righteousness for many decades, until in his old age, his carnality caused his moral ruin. Rehoboam was 40 years old when he succeeded to the throne, when men will show evidence of wisdom if they ever will, yet he proved himself an arrogant, scornful, high-headed, pampered puppy.

Sin is evidently a bad way to build up a family. Solomon could preach well on the proper way to bring up children, but he couldn't practice what he preached. The wickedness of the king's palace was more influential than the religion of the king's temple. His father's harem, filled with the strange women of foreign countries, neutralized all his pious precepts.

Wisdom Not Inherited. Evidently wisdom nor grace runs in the blood. The companions with whom Rehoboam had been brought up had more influence over him than all the practical teaching of the 1,001 proverbs of which his royal father was the author. Rehoboam and his hare-brained counselors by their hasty folly rent in twain a people whom Moses and Joshua, the whole line of Judges and Samuel, David and Solomon had laboriously cemented together by centuries of statesmanship.

And it all came about through the scorn and contempt of public opinion expressed by Rehoboam. The country which had been burdened with taxation to support the voluptuous splendor of Solomon's court and carry out his great undertakings resolved to have a change when the coronation of the new king took place. There was without doubt cause for improvement, and Rehoboam knew that the dissatisfaction was wide spread and deep seated. "Thy father," said the petitioners, "made our yoke grievous; now, therefore, make thou the grievous service of thy father and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee."

Two Sets of Counsellors. Whereupon Rehoboam consulted two sets of advisers, the old men, his late father's counsellors and men of affairs, and the young men, his boon companions and flatterers. The old men counselled concessions, moderation, promises. They said in effect, "You can at least put forth a platform that will promise reform. Do that, and the storm will blow over. If you do not yield something to the popular clamor, secession will surely follow." But the hot blooded sports who had a little foresight as the young prince said, "Now is the time to show your kingly quality. Make the cravens understand that you rule by divine right. Coerce and trample on them. Tell them, that your little finger shall be thicker than your father's loins, that you will add to their heavy yoke, that you will chastise them with scorpions instead of whips." That was smart, but not politic. It tickled the pride of the prince, but it destroyed his judgment. Unfortunately for him he accepted the counsel of the young men, and actually thundered these presumptuous words in their ears.

The result was revolutionary. Ten of the tribes of Israel on receiving this violent answer, seceded from the kingdom, rose up in open revolt and threw off their allegiance to the Kingdom of David. Rehoboam found himself left with a kingdom of only two tribes—Judah and a part of Benjamin. The magnificent kingdom over which David and Solomon had reigned was split asunder, and Rehoboam had only a fragment left. Henceforth two kingdoms, Judah and Israel occupied the land. Instead of one united people, they became two nations, jealous of each other, and often at war. And it all came about because Rehoboam rejected the counsel of wisdom and adopted violent, shortsighted, demagogic advice.

Here is a tremendous lesson for the young. Who are a young man's best counsellors? Of course, the first and most natural are his parents. This is practically universal. For even bad parents as a rule want their children to grow up right. The voice of conscience is the voice of God in the soul. Teachers of religion in pulpit and Sunday School are also worthy of all imitation. The Bible is the supreme guide. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways? By taking heed thereto, according to thy word." These are some of the guides which will lead the perplexed and troubled soul in peace and joy to final rest. How to manage the kingdom to which we are called, how to enter upon the heritage transmitted to us from our ancestors so that we may preserve it, and hand it down intact to future generations, concerns every one of us as certainly as it did Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

Berliner Gerichts-Saal.

Ein Braut ohne Gemahl.

Unter der Auflage der Schiedsrichter hat sich der 28 Jahre alte Schneidergeselle Franz B. vor Gericht zu verantworten.

B. soll dem Konditor Schmidt dadurch, daß er sich entfernte, ohne die Bede zu begleichen, um einen Betrag von Mark 1.50 gepfändet haben. Er erklärt auf die Frage, ob er sich schuldig befenne: Ich habe natürlich gejubelt, der meine Braut, was die Brautmannschaft, die Goldstücke nicht machen würde. Wie konnte ich wissen, daß dieses sonst liberale spendende Mädchen mir in diesem Falle würde auffallen lassen. Ich fühle mich auf die Schmerzlächte enttäuscht, indem ich von einer Braut, mit der ich rite und regulär verlobt war, voll etwas Anderes hätte erwarten können. Meine Enttäuschung ist bitter, sehr bitter. Herr Präsident, Ich ähmire mich schon auf diese Art jeniend bestraft und bitte um Freisprechung.

Vorf.: Sie wollen also der Meinung geteilt sein, die Brautmannschaft, die Sie für Ihre Braut hielten, wäre verpflichtet gewesen, für Sie die Bede zu begleichen. Das ist doch eine recht eigenbüchliche Auffassung von den Pflichten einer Braut. Im Allgemeinen pflegt es doch gerade umgekehrt zu sein: Ein Bräutigam pflegt für seine Braut zu bezahlen.

Angell.: Rann? Det wäre ja noch idener, wo unferener bei die deiren Zeiten faum det Feld für Post und Logis verdienen dot. So'n Mädchen braudt für ihre Verlon recht wenig, et is daher nur recht und billig, det sie jeleentlich eene offene Hand hat und ihrem Bräutigam wat zukommen lößt. Een jutez Gerze verlange ich von meiner Braut und damit Post!

Vorf.: Nun, wir werden ja von der Jungin B. hören, wieviel ihr schöner Glaube an ihre Zahlungsbereitschaft berechtigt war. — Rufen Sie die Jungin herein!

Die Jungin B. eene adrett gekleidete Schönheit von 20 Jahren, erklärt auf Befragen: Es ist richtig, daß ich als Brautmannschaft in der Schmidt'schen Konditorei thig war, als Herr B. sich einer Zehnpellerlei schuldig machte. Ich war auch früher mit Herrn B. verlobt, das Verlöbniß hatte ich aber längst aufgelöst, da ich die Wahrnehmung machte, daß er oft wochenlang nicht arbeitete und immer mehr auf die schiefe Ebene gerieth. — Angell.: Du wird's Dag! Ich habe eene jittige Schlange an meinem Rücken genährt.

Jungin B.: Ich hatte auch keine Ahnung, daß Herr B. von mir die Begleichung der Bede erwartete. Er such hat er mich darum nicht. Es bestanden überhaupt keinerlei Beziehungen mehr zwischen mir und dem Angeklagten.

Angell.: Et hecht aber: Die Liebe hört nimmer auf. Diefet Mädchen hat mir eene jittige Schlange genährt, ungeheuer wenig Gemüth. Ich liebe ihr so innig, und schon bei fünf Tas Mündener hört ihre Liebe uff. O Weiber, falsche, heuchlerische Krottschnecken!

Vorf.: Sie hätten besser geihan, hier offen einzugehen, daß Sie kein Geld hatten und sich um die Begleichung der Bede herumdrücken wollten.

Angell.: Et scheint, als sollte id beele rinnschiddern. Mein Gewissen hat mir aber bereits freigesprochen. Und vor dielem Forum steht Fräulein B. als die Allmähldige da, weil sie mir Liebe geheuheit hat und sich nicht mal zu fünf Tas Mündener entschuldigen konnte. Ich werde von jetzt ab bei der Wahl meiner Zufünftigen vorfichtiger sein.

Das Gericht erkennt gegen den Angeklagten, der bereits zwei Mal wegen ähnlicher Vergehen vorbestraft ist, auf zehn Tage Gefängniß. Der durlittige Schneidergeselle scheint über dieses Strafmaß wenig erbaut und erklärt, daß er dagegen einen "Veruf" einlegen werde.

Zu Hinausgehen bemerkte er: Da kommen uff jedes Mündener gerade zwei Tage Gefängniß. Et is schrecklich, wie det Bier immer deirer zu stehen fogmt!

Bom Olymp.

Im Himmel in der Dichterhalle Ward so unbändig laut gelacht. Daß die Unterbliden fast alle Neugierig sich herbeigemacht. Der Shakespeare war es und der Goethe. Die lachten sich aus Hand und Band. Daß ihnen eene dunkle Röhre Auf der erlauchten Stirne stand. Und daß ich gleich es offenbare, Was sie zu dielem Lachen trieb: Sie lasen nämlich die Kommentare. Die man zu ihren Werken schrieb.

Nicht verlegen.

Junge Dame: Nein, mein Herr, ich kann mich nicht für Sie erwidern. Herr: Dann bitte erkalten Sie sich wenigstens für mich; ich bin nämlich Arzt.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of THE WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held in the office of the company, in Honesdale, on

Monday, January 2, 1911,

at 10 o'clock a. m. for the transaction of general business, and that an election will be held at the same place of meeting between the hours of one and four p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing ten members of said company to serve as Directors for the ensuing year. Every person insured in said company is a member thereof and entitled to one vote.

At said meeting the members will also vote for the approval or disapproval of the following amendments to the Constitution, which were submitted by resolution of the directors at a regular meeting on August 21, 1910.

AMENDMENTS.

First—Resolved that Article Five of the Constitution which reads as follows: "The Business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by a board of Directors, to be composed of ten members of the company who are to be chosen annually by the members of the company, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business; they shall fix the compensation of all officers; all the vacancies occurring by resignation and otherwise, until the next succeeding election. The election for said directors shall be held annually at Honesdale, on the first Monday of January of each year, between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock p. m., said election to be by ballot, subject to the directions and provisions of the Act of Assembly under which this company is incorporated," be amended so as to read when amended as follows: "The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Board of Directors, to be composed of ten members of the Company, who are to be chosen annually by members of the Company, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business; they shall fix the compensation of all officers; all the vacancies occurring by resignation or otherwise, until the next succeeding election. The said election for directors shall be held annually at Honesdale, on the first Monday of January of each year, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., said election to be by ballot, subject to the directions and provisions of the Act of Assembly under which the company is incorporated."

Second—And that Article 8 of the Constitution which reads as follows: "Buildings that are insured in any other insurance Company shall not be insured in this Company, and no property outside the limits of Wayne county, and Palmyra and Greene township, Pike county, will be received for insurance by this Company," be amended so as to read when amended as follows: "Buildings that are insured in other insurance companies may be insured in this Company only when the consent of the agent and secretary of this Company is duly written in the policy, and the territory for writing insurance in this Company, shall be Wayne and Pike counties and such additional territory as the majority of the directors at their regular meeting may determine.

PERRY A. CLARK, Secretary. December 3, 1910. 97e04

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Pleasant Reflection.

The Rev. William R. Huntington of New York, said recently that it was more dangerous to be a railway brakeman than to be a murderer, and proved his assertion with statistics showing that one murderer a seventy-three was hanged, whereas one brakeman in thirty was killed.

The Play and the Cigar.

Henry J. Byron, one of the wisest of English playwrights of a score of years ago, remarked on one occasion: "A play is like a cigar. If it's good, everybody wants a box. If it's bad, all the puffing in the world won't make it go."

Think Highly of Wine.

In Subbia Wine is considered an important article of diet and a help in restoring the strength of the sick. In 1904 the food given by the city to sick persons included 13,500 portions and 4,551 litres of wine.

Shaking Hands.

The custom shaking hands can be traced to the days of the ancient Israelites, and was intended to signify peace, to swear friendship, to promise alliance or to give security.

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