

BANKING TRUST

Secretary of the Treasury Department proposed to the bankers of the City of New York a plan banking trust—a coalition of all individual institutions, so to speak, the greatest trust of all, to be organized into details and to be placed in a position that he believed would revolutionize banking as well as all other financial and political functions. He pointed out the law of nature provided better advantages to aggregated wealth by faithful service than by theft.

Swedish Steam Sweeps Car Ferry. While entering Ludington (Mich.) harbor Sunday at midnight in a heavy southerly gale, the Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 16, struck a bar, disabling her machinery and breaking the main steam pipe. Great volumes of steam instantly escaped. "Mike Taff," a coal passer, whose home was in Chicago, was scalded to death, and two other coal passers, whose names are unknown, were also terribly scalded. They now lie in the Marine hospital hovering between life and death. Many others who were in the hold of the car ferry received bad burns from the steam and suffered great hardships during the nine hours which followed before they were rescued. From the time of the accident until morning there was neither light nor heat on the boat. The wind was bitterly cold. Great seas rolled across the deck, and ice formed wherever the water fell.

Seven Die in Barabaz Train. Seven persons were killed Monday night by an electric train catching fire in a tunnel near the Dingle station in Liverpool, England. It is said the fire started in the woodwork of a car. The strong air current through the tunnel, which is a fifth of a mile long, caused the entire train of three cars to catch on fire, igniting thousands of sleepers that were piled up, and filling the tunnel with dense smoke. Rumors were spread that forty or fifty persons had been killed and owing to the dense volumes of smoke issuing from the tunnel it was some hours before an entrance to the tunnel could be effected. Many passengers jumped from the burning train and rushed out of the tunnel, while others were dragged out by their fellow travelers in a half-suffocated condition.

Four Perish on a Farm. At Summerville, Jefferson county, Pa., the home of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death. One was fatally burned, while four others were seriously injured. The dead are: William Ashbaugh, 22 years old; Maybel Ashbaugh, a 12-year-old daughter; Harry Ashbaugh, a 10-year-old son; James Ashbaugh, a 9-year-old son. The injured are: Herman Ashbaugh, 8 years old; fatally burned; Mrs. Ashbaugh, seriously injured; John Ashbaugh, the husband and father; seriously burned and suffering from exposure. Two young children, painfully burned. The fire happened at an early hour in the morning and was caused by an overheated stove.

Cat Of Fourteen Cow Tails. A farm hand near Gosham, N. Y., set off the tails of fourteen head of cattle belonging to the Rev. Andrew Schriver, a retired Methodist preacher and ex-presiding elder of this conference district. Schriver had reprimanded the farm hand for failing to do some work. The man wanted revenge on the minister. So he secured a butcher knife, went to the cow stable, and in a short time he had severed the tails of fourteen of the choice cows. He then fed, leaving the cow stables looking like a slaughterhouse. Shortly afterward Schriver discovered the condition of his cows. He suspected who was guilty, and immediately notified an officer.

Child Born to Aged Couple. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klein of 229 Rusling street, Trenton, N. J., have announced the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Klein is 65 years of age and the husband is 70 years of age. Mr. Klein led all visitors back into the kitchen, where in a crib was a bright-eyed baby girl. The old man said: "We have been married forty years. We never had a child, and now the good Lord sent us this little one to brighten our lives. I am 70 and my wife is 65 years old. Some people may not believe that it is our baby because we are old, but look at Sara in Bible times."

Petroleum Found in Egypt. Operators employed by the petroleum syndicate, after working two years at Gabel Gelt, near Sues, Egypt, have encountered petroleum, said to be at a depth of 2,115 feet. A terrific flow of gas ensued. This was followed by an explosion, which wrecked the boring plant and blocked the well. This points to the existence of an extraordinary quantity of petroleum. The discovery is considered most important.

Taft for Secretary of State. Wichita, Kas., dispatch: Word has been received here from a reliable source in Cincinnati that Governor William H. Taft of the Philippines has been tendered the portfolio of Secretary of State by President Roosevelt, and that the real reason for the return of the governor to this country is to confer with the President upon the subject. President Roosevelt has on a number of occasions expressed his high regard for Governor Taft and the high esteem in which he has held the Philippine problem.

President of Yale Was Not From France. It is said of President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale that as a boy and youth he was not only very peculiar but a keen disappointment to his parents. He was eccentric and apparently quite without promise. One of the guests at the recent bicentennial celebration at Yale is responsible for this story: "When Hadley was 10 years old his mother took him to New York, where she met one of her girlhood friends, then also engrossed with family cares. To her Mrs. Hadley rehearsed her troubles, dwelling particularly on the one uppermost in her mind—Arthur T. When she concluded her friend tried to console her by saying: 'Well, bear up and never mind. Dear, my son is just as bad.' I wonder what the friend would say if she could have seen Hadley conferring the degree of LL. D. on Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States."

A Blacksmith's Story. Goodland, Kans., Dec. 23.—N. E. Albertson, a local blacksmith, had almost decided to give up his shop altogether on account of Rheumatism which had crippled him so that at times he could not use his hammer. His shoulders and arms were so sore that he couldn't sleep at night. He had suffered for years, but was gradually getting worse, till at last he had about made up his mind to give up. But just then he heard of some wonderful cures of Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills and thought he would try for a cure once more. They cured him completely and he has not a trace of Rheumatism left. The shop will not be given up and Mr. Albertson may be seen there any day hard at work as if nothing had ever ailed him.

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