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ILLINOIS BANKERS WAR ON BANDITRY ORGANIZATION EFFECTED

Much Interest in Plans To Protect Property and Lives Is Manifested; Are Aroused

Bankers of Illinois are throwing such vigorous support behind the antibank robbery campaign that more than ten per cent of the state has already been organized and is being rapidly put on a "war" footing to combat the criminal element.

Country bankers are driving over rough roads, through rain storms and facing all sorts of conditions to attend the organization meetings. Business at the time and on the day that the meetings take place become of secondary importance to the banker. As a concrete instance of this, Vermilion county bankers, with a meeting scheduled at Danville, drove through hard rain from the farthest boundaries to be on hand when the campaign plans were unfolded at the Chamber of Commerce.

County Officials Aid

And the banker is not the only one who is thoroughly back of the campaign to do away with banditry. Sheriff John Gray of Champaign county, who attended the Champaign city meeting of the federation the night previously, set his alarm clock for 5 o'clock, the next morning, and taking along one of his chief deputies, drove the campaign officials to Danville where he made an earnest appeal to the bankers of Vermilion to arm and prepare as had been done in Iowa.

Tired, bewildered and in need of a washup after hard campaigning in Kankakee and Gilman counties, the field organizers were informed upon their arrival at Champaign that a dining room full of bankers and county officials were awaiting them and that any improper grooming would be overlooked for the occasion. A dozen similar instances could be related to show the enthusiasm of the various counties in the early part of the drive.

Serious Business

Effecting a bulwark against robber attacks is a serious business with Illinois bankers. Briefly, here is what has taken place and it will give the layman, unacquainted with the methods, an insight into the workings of the rapidly growing organizations.

The chairman of the county federation has sent out the call for his meeting. The group chairman is there, the vice chairman of the county, the sheriff, supervisors and state's attorney. The campaign speakers from the Chicago office are introduced.

Before the meeting is over, every man jack in the room has had his mind refreshed as to the machinations of the insidious bank stickup. These organization meetings are no tame affairs. Samples of Krag Carbine rifles, heavy calibre revolvers, reward signs, stories of criminology and the cure, which henceforth in Illinois is to be armed resistance, enliven what would otherwise be just an interesting speech about crime conditions.

Talk Guns and Bullets

Following the county meeting the protective chairman and his committee get together and talk of such hard sounding terms as guns, bullets, spreading alarms by radio sending stations and telephone, reward cards for the apprehension of robbers and burglars. The bankers, aroused, mean business—shooting business.

Since the beginning of the Illinois campaign, border states have their ears to the ground awaiting the results. Iowa has been through a hard and successful campaign to drive the bank bandit out of the state. Now, following close on the heels of the Illinois Bankers' association campaign, the Wisconsin Bankers' association, through its protective department, is stirring Badger state bankers to life on the matter of protection. There is an imminent probability that Illinois and surrounding states will work out some cohesive plan for co-operating in anti-bandit campaigns.

Thoroughly Aroused

Just how thoroughly aroused Illinois bankers are to the danger of the bank robbery situation may be judged from dozens of letters that are daily reaching the Chicago headquarters from bank officials all over the state.

CHANGES ARE MADE IN ART INSTITUTE

Numerous changes have been made in the north galleries of the Hutchinson Wing in the past few days. The Mr. and Mrs. John G. Shedd gallery has been re-arranged, with the large pieces of rare lace covers occupying conspicuous places on the walls. These have been lent to the Art Institute by Mrs. Rockefeller McCormick, and consist of Italian reticello, rose point and bobbin lace. A number of pieces of Portuguese embroidery of exquisite workmanship, the gift of Miss Elizabeth McCormick, has also been placed on the walls of this gallery, together with some Queen Anne English needlework embroidery, the gift of the Antiquarian society. The very fine swan elair, also the gift of the Antiquarian society, occupies the center of the room.

ENGLISH ARTISTS' DRAWINGS DISPLAYED

Variety of Paintings by Muirhead Bone Exhibited at Art Institute

An exhibition of drawings by Muirhead Bone, the celebrated English artist, is now on view in Gallery 12 at the Art Institute. The subjects include a variety of scenes, for Mr. Bone is one of those happily endowed artists who locks upon each scene

with fresh eyes and to whom each impression suggests its own treatment. He has a faculty of surprising the salient features in a scene and of making his whole composition expressive of those features. The present exhibition includes drawings of many European towns and cities and also drawings made on a recent visit to New York. Mr. Bone came to America to make a tour of the country and record his impressions of many places, but he was so fascinated by Manhattan that he got no further. The Print department is also spon-

soring an exhibition of old English landscape and architectural aquatints and sporting prints. High Street, Oxford, Hyde Park and Windsor have not changed greatly since the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, but fashions in clothes, manners, and artistic technique have changed, and these aquatints are quaintly vivacious and attractive. The sporting prints are especially spirited.

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