

BIG PITTSBURGH BANK IS CLOSED

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McKEESPORT BANK IS ALSO CLOSED

Difficulties of Pittsburgh Institution Responsible ---Officers of Latter in Session All Day Sunday With Special Bank Examiners---Clearing House Association in Control of Situation.

(By Associated Press.)

Pittsburgh, July 7.—The First-Second National bank of this city, was ordered closed today by the acting comptroller of the currency.

McKEESPORT BANK ALSO CLOSED.

The First National bank of McKeesport closed its doors just before noon, because of the difficulties of the First-Second National bank of Pittsburgh.

DIFFERENCE OVER ASSETS.

Differences of long standing with the treasury department, concerning the character and value of certain assets of the former First National bank of Pittsburgh, which was merged last March with the Second National bank under the title of the First-Second National bank of Pittsburgh, culminated today in the closing of the institution by order of Deputy Collector of the Currency T. P. Kane.

DIRECTORS MEET.

Directors and officers of the institution were in session all day yesterday and most of last night with special bank examiners sent here to investigate the bank and at an early hour this morning, notices of the closure were posted on the bank doors.

CLEARING HOUSE ACTIVE.

The Pittsburgh Clearing House association has taken charge of the financial situation and gives out assurances that everything is well in hand and that no further trouble is expected. A statement will be issued later in the day. None of the bank officials would make a statement saying that the bank's affairs were in the hands of the government.

SUSPENSIONS CAUSE EXCITEMENT.

The suspensions of the First-Second National bank, one of the largest in the country, and the First National bank of McKeesport, caused great excitement. Thousands gathered about the banks and a squad of police was necessary to keep them moving. By noon a run was started on the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, of which J. S. Kuhn is president.

LEGAL RESERVE DEFICIENT.

The legal reserve of the First-Second National bank was deficient by \$2,245,000 June 1. This brought the situation to a climax.

This afternoon application was made in the federal court for a receiver for the American Water Works and Guarantee Company, one of the largest companies of its kind in the country. It is known as a Kuhn interest. The capital stock of the various companies is \$73,000,000.

ASKS RECEIVER FOR CANAL DOVER CO.

President Committed Suicide Wednesday in Cleveland.

Cleveland, July 6.—The First National Bank of Canal Dover today asked for a receiver for the Ohio Assets Realization company, the president of which, Frederick K. Barnes, committed suicide here, last Wednesday. The bank sues to recover on promissory notes.

Richard Lewis, age 18, of Sterling, Ill., has stepsons aged sixteen and nineteen years.

UNION MEETING IS HELD AT CITY HALL

Too Damp and Cool for Outdoor Service.

The union meeting of the Christian, First Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches which was to have been held in the Tremont street park, Sunday evening, took place in the city hall auditorium on account of the cool, damp weather.

A congregation of about 600 persons attended the service and heard the address by H. W. McMaster, of Alliance, president of Mt. Union-Scio college. The meeting was in charge of the Rev. H. E. Stafford, of the First Christian church. The Rev. John A. Simpson, of the First Baptist church, read the scripture lesson and the Rev. P. W. Fraser, of the Presbyterian church offered prayer.

The music, one of the features of the evening, was furnished by a union choir and orchestra. The meeting began at 6:30 o'clock and lasted until about 7:45 o'clock.

EDWARD LAUTERBACH DENIES R. S. LOVETT'S LOBBY PLOT STORY



Washington.—Edward Lauterbach, a well known New York lawyer, was brought into the senate lobby inquiry by Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Lovett claimed that efforts had been made to induce him to engage Mr. Lauterbach, who, it was represented, would "grease the wheels" in Washington so that the Union Pacific-Southern-Pacific dissolution plan would go through as the railroad men wanted it to. Mr. Lovett's story resulted in Mr. Lauterbach asking permission to tell his side before the committee. The lawyer denied that there was any attempt on his part to hold up the Union Pacific for a big fee for lobbying.

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VETERAN GETS BACK FROM GETTYSBURG

Dr. T. C. Miller Finds Wall He Helped Build Standing.

VISITS DEN OF DEATH

Sees Again Hole in Rocks Where Rebel Sharpshooters Were Shot As They Picked Off Union Officers—Praises Reunion Management.

Dr. T. Clarke Miller, of this city, who fought in the battle of Gettysburg as a member of the Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, went down to the reunion the other day wondering if his memory had served him well as to the geographical outlines of the great battlefield.

He found that it had for he walked straight to the spot where, on that memorable July 3, fifty years ago, he had helped to build a stone wall after the taking of Little Round Top, and there was the very same wall. At this point he and his fellow soldiers had watched the spurs of rifle smoke from the Devil's Den, a chasm between two mighty rocks, which showed them where to fire into the hiding places of some confederate soldiers who from that defense picked off many union officers and men. After the battle at least a dozen bodies of confederates were found in the chasm, showing that the rifle smoke targets had not been mistaking.

Dr. Miller says he stood there with his companion, a veteran with a wooden leg, who had laboriously stumbled to the place beside him, and recalled the events of July 3, and of the previous evening. For awhile the union and rebel forces rested so near each other that the men talked back and forth. A wounded rebel lying in the space between the armies cried for water and a union man stepped out to give him some. As he was performing this act of mercy a confederate fired at him, wounding him terribly in the jaw. This roused the ire of his comrades and had it not been for the fact that confederates were equally incensed at the outrage there would have been an immediate clash.

Dr. Miller says that the food at the reunion was excellent and that quantities of it were wasted because of the necessity of burning up what remained on the plates at the close of the meals. Enormous fires were kept going day and night and in them all garbage was consumed. This was one feature of the excellent sanitary arrangement at the big camp.

Other local veterans are reaching home, one by one.

CANDIDACIES ANNOUNCED

G. W. Williams Wants to be City Solicitor.

George W. Williams, a local attorney, has announced his candidacy for city solicitor, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries, September 2. Attorney Williams was born and raised here and has practiced law in Massillon ever since his admission to the bar. He is the second Republican to publicly enter the race, J. E. Willison being the other candidate.

Clarence Angerman, Republican, of 716 North Prospect street, has announced himself as a candidate for councilman of the Fourth ward. Mr. Angerman was urged by his friends to enter the race two years ago, but refused.

JOSIAH ROWE BURIED AT NEWMAN TODAY

The body of the late Josiah Rowe, aged 62 years, who died of pneumonia in Akron July 4, was brought to this city this morning at 7 o'clock, and taken at once to the Newman cemetery, where a short service was held and interment made. The Rev. H. H. Davis, of this city, officiated.

In the Netherlands the population is steadily increasing.

A MASSILLON GIRL, MOVIE STAR, RISKS LIFE FOR PICTURES

Miss Lillian Gish, Leading Woman in Biograph Company, Tells of Thrilling Adventures—Sister Actress and Writer.



MISS LILLIAN GISH.



MISS DOROTHY GISH.

Leading roles in six months' time, with the largest producer of moving picture firms in the world!

This in a word is the story of the career of a Massillon girl—Miss Lillian Gish, 18 and beautiful, of the Biograph Company of New York, who with her sister, Miss Dorothy, is, just as pretty and a member of the same company, left Sunday evening for the metropolis to resume their work after a few days' visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cleaver, of Woodland avenue, this city.

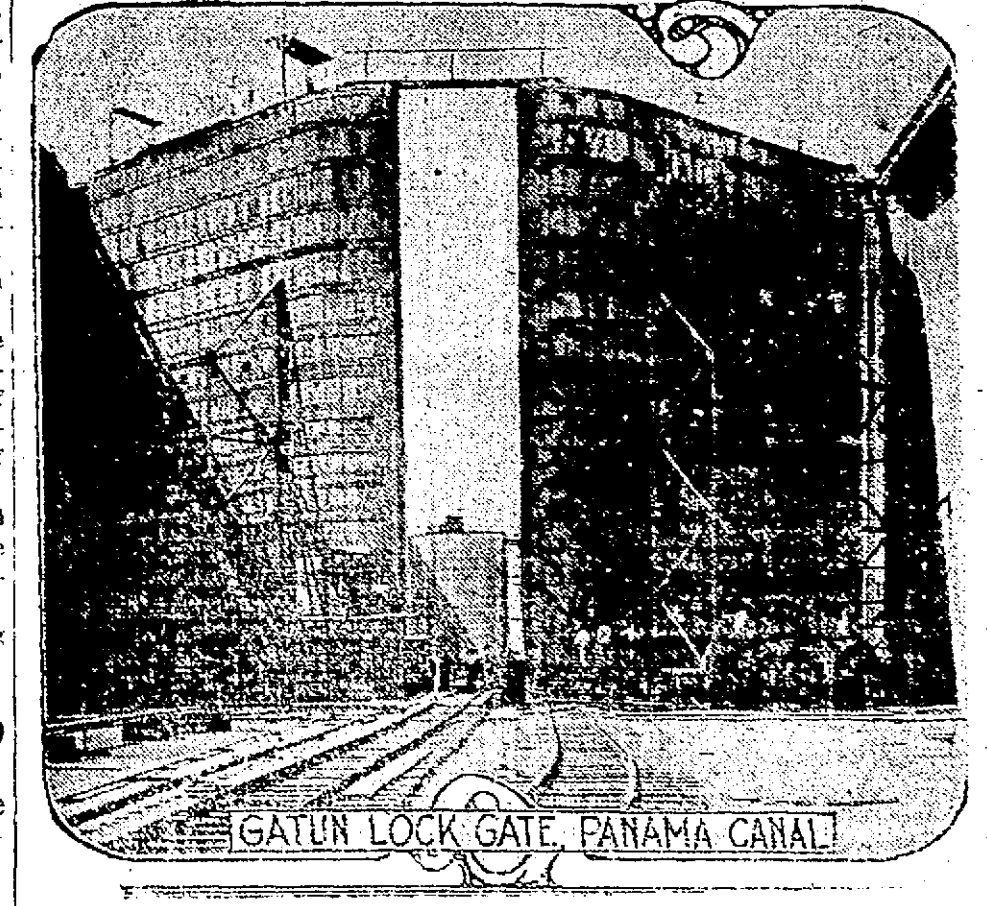
Both are well known here. They are daughters of Mrs. Mae Gish, sister of Mrs. Cleaver, who was a guest in the city at the same time. They left Massillon over a year ago and this is their first visit back "home" as they put it. Miss Lillian, fair, slight and winsome, talked entertainingly and interestingly, seconded ably by Miss Dorothy, of a life that few who frequent the movies are familiar with.

"There is a popular impression that we have a life of ease," said Miss Lillian, "with large pay and some occasional poses and some silent acting before the camera. It is not quite so easy, however. There are fifty-two weeks of work every year for us, and six work-days in every week of the fifty-two."

Miss Gish and her sister, Miss Dorothy, have been filling roles before the moving picture man's camera in Los Angeles and southern California since February 1. They arrived in Massillon last Wednesday. This morning at 9 o'clock they reported for duty in

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PONDEROUS GATUN LOCK GATES OF PANAMA CANAL CLOSED ON JULY 1 AS FIRST STEP TOWARD OPERATION



DESIRE TO WORSHIP COSTS WOMAN'S LIFE

(Special to The Independent.) Canton, July 7.—Because she wanted to sit alone in church a little while before Sunday school, Mrs. Sophia Beneker, 54, left her home, 1411 East Tuscarawas street, early Sunday morning, and two blocks from the church she was killed by a Pennsylvania express train at the East Tuscarawas street crossing. She was thrown 150 feet to the side of the track south of the crossing.

Mrs. Beneker, who was feeble, did not heed warnings of the gateman, Joseph Tindall, and Jack Gill, a molder at the Novelty Iron company, according to Tindall. They saw her danger, he said, and tried to reach her in time to save her from the engine.

MITTEES. RESCUE WORKERS, RELIEF COM. and all others who are interested in kindred subjects, are requested to be present at city hall auditorium this evening. Mrs. O'Hare served three years in Florence Crittenton work, also on the Roosevelt Commission, and recently before the Missouri investigation committee. Startling developments of underworld causes. (Advertisement.)

YOUTHFUL AERONAUT SWEEPED TOWARDS SEA

Held Captive On Motorless and Rudderless Dirigible.

New York, July 7.—George M. Gay, a youthful aeronaut of Norwalk, O., who was swept by a gust of wind from the hands of five men holding it to the ground on the New Jersey side of the Hudson river early Saturday evening and was carried aloft without any means of control for its pilot, fell on the water of Long Island sound at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night. Gay was saved by the crew of the steamer Sagamore which sighted the balloon before it reached the water's surface a mile and a half off shore. The dirigible sank and Gay was picked up after swimming for about five minutes.

TO HOLD FIRE AND POLICE EXAMINATIONS.

The civil service commission will hold an examination for applicants for fire and police departments in the city of Massillon, Tuesday evening, July 15. Application blanks may be secured of D. A. Moser. (Advertisement.)

WHISTLES TO SCREAM ON TUESDAY AT OPENING OF CAMPAIGN FOR NEW HOTEL

Teams Made Up of Between 90 and 100 Men and Women Begin Canvass After Luncheon in Maccbaee Hall to Sell \$75,000 Worth of Stock in Proposed Massillon Company.

LARGE SUBSCRIPTION IS RECEIVED

President Wise of Board of Trade Will Announce Subscriber Tomorrow---Convention in 1915 is Promised When Hostelry is Assured---Visitor and Bank President Endorse Movement.

CAR PITCHED OVER BANK

Miraculous Escape of Passengers in Automobile Wreck.

While turning his automobile around at the end of the pavement beyond the intersection of West Main and Tremont streets, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, George Hawver, of 16 North Lincoln avenue, local jeweler, pressed the accelerator of his machine instead of the foot brake, sending the car over a ten-foot embankment. That not one of the six passengers was injured seems a miracle.

The machine stood on its end at an angle of about 45 degrees, the windshield keeping it from tipping entirely over. The passengers were thrown forward but were not pitched from the car. The car's windshield was broken and the frame bent. The front fender was twisted and the remainder of the front slightly damaged. It was brought to the city this morning.

AUTOMOBILE STRUCK BY CITY STREET CAR

A small runabout owned by Dr. N. W. Culbertson, of East Main street, and driven by Robert Hardgrove, of 417 South Muskingum street, was struck by a city car at about 8:30 this morning at the corner of North Mill and Plum streets. No one was injured.

Hardgrove, it is said, was coming down the Plum street hill, and when he reached Mill street a city car came along. Hardgrove did not have sufficient time to stop the machine, and the street car struck it in the rear, sliding it over the sidewalk, and damaging the rear fender and breaking the windshield. The fender on the street car was bent. The machine was in running order and was taken to a garage.

FIRE DESTROYS AWNING

Carelessness as to the disposal of cigar stubs or half burnt matches started a fire which destroyed the awning on the front of P. F. Bordner's grocery, 1803 South Erie street, Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The alarm was sent in from box 17, and the motor apparatus arrived upon the scene in time to prevent serious damage to the building.

WIFE ASKS DIVORCE

(Special to The Independent.) Canton, July 7.—Helen Wallace, of Canton, has sued Charles Wallace, of common pleas court for a divorce because of willful absence for more than three years. The couple were married in Cleveland in February, 1908, and have a daughter, aged four. Piero & Crankshaw are counsel for the plaintiff.

RARE BARGAINS AT THE ECLIPSE.

The only objection to couch hammocks has been the price. Big reductions. 28x72 inches, \$5.98, now.....\$3.98 28x72 inches, \$7.50, now.....\$4.98 28x72 inches, \$8.50, now.....\$4.98 28x72 inches, \$10.00, now.....\$6.50 (Advertisement.)

LIMITED CAR SERVICE.

Via the N. O. T. traction lines to Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Cleveland, Toledo, Ashland and all principal towns in Northern Ohio. Clean and comfortable route. No extra fare. Leave Massillon waiting room daily, north bound, 8:05 a. m. and 4:05 p. m. South bound for Canal Dover, New Philadelphia and Uhrichsville, 10:25 a. m. and 6:55 p. m. Call local agent, Bell 287. (Advertisement.)