

ROBBER DEALS VICTIM BLOW ON HEAD WITH CLUB

Man, Assaulted, Taken to Hospital in Serious Condition.

BANDIT OBTAINS \$18

As the result of a blow on the head from a club wielded by a bandit last night, Mose Fieberg, 119 West Thirty-Ninth street, is in a serious condition at the city hospital today. The assault occurred in the rear of a fruit store at Illinois and Walnut streets. The bandit obtained \$18.

According to stories told to the police, Fieberg left a luncheon at 155 North Illinois street about midnight. A short time later he was found in the alley by E. O. Felix, an employee in a garage at 20 West Walnut street. When the police reached the garage they found a man in a semi-conscious condition. He told them he had been robbed of \$18, but could not describe his assailant. He then lost consciousness and was sent to the city hospital.

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BUILDERS GIVE AN EXHIBITION

Industrial Show Featured at Clappool Hotel.

The eighth floor of the Clappool Hotel and much of the seventh floor was today one great industrial exposition, devoted to every material that goes into building construction. Exhibitions were being conducted in connection with the annual convention of the National Builders' Bureau.

Included in the exhibitions were lumber, brick, glass, roofing of various descriptions, hardware and some things that the layman would know to go into building construction.

The convention opened in the Assembly room of the Clappool with routine business and the reports of the officers, G. F. Osterhage of Vincennes, president; C. D. Root of Crown Point, secretary and B. M. Forbes of Indianapolis, treasurer.

This afternoon the subjects of cost accounting, insurance problems and advertising were discussed. Among the speakers were Frank B. Fowler, president of the Mutual Insurance Company; Charles R. Rhodes of the Indiana Farmers' Guide; Adolph Pfund, secretary of the National Retail Lumber Dealers' Association.

The convention will continue tomorrow and will close with a banquet tomorrow night.

C. & E. I. BRANCH TO BE INSPECTED

Bondholder Purchasers Wish to Operate Road.

A second inspection of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad property in Indiana will be made by the inspection committee of the McGuire, Cummings company of Paris, Ill., manufacturers of railroad equipment, George W. Barnard, of the public service commission said today.

An attempt to operate the road, which was purchased by its bond holders, will be made by the company if the inspection which they make proves to be satisfactory. The bond holders bought the road Monday for approximately \$15,000.

Many attempts were made by Mr. Barnard to have the road in operation before it was sold at Danville, Ill.

The southern portion of the road between Brazil and Fair Oaks is being operated by the Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western Railroad, and according to a report received by the commission, the company is handling from twenty-to-twenty-five cars of freight a day.

New Bank Charters Granted by Board

Three new bank charters were granted and one refused by the State charter board in session today.

The board granted charter to the Lighters Ford State Bank of Fulton County, the capital \$100,000. The capital stock of the institution is \$35,000.

The new charters were granted to the following: Peters Loan and Trust Company of Lafayette, capital \$50,000; Oolitic State Bank of Oolitic, capital \$25,000, and the Gosport State Bank, capital \$25,000.

The board refused a charter to the J. Conwell private bank of Logansport, however, according to Charles W. Camp, chief bank teller, a bank with \$10,000 capital is not needed in Logansport.

Italy's 'Unknown' Hero Receives U. S. Medal

ROME, Jan. 18.—The congressional Medal of Honor today was conferred on Italy's "unknown soldier" by Ambassador Richard Washburn Child.

'Movie Trust' Has Bought Will Hays, Asserts Reformer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The "movie trust" has purchased Will H. Hays to lead the screen in a drive of the political unit of the United States government. According to legislation, Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, premier of reformers, charged here today.

"Is there any American too dull to resent and prevent this conspiracy of mostly a foreign trade to run this Government in the interest of one sect?" Crafts demanded.

Lost Schooner Found With Big Supply of Booze

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 18.—The schooner William Tell, reported as missing six weeks from Biloxi, Miss., was discovered here today by officers. Near by the officers found 500 cases of whisky and cognac.

Three members of the crew, two of whom are Spaniards, were arrested.

The bodies of two men found floating near Biloxi a few days ago, with their necks broken, are believed to have been members of the William Tell crew.

HOPES FOR EARLY END OF INSURANCE WAR

Indiana Companies Believe Agreement Soon Will Be Reached.

Hooper in the fight between the Indiana and Missouri insurance commissioners which prohibits twelve Indiana companies from operating in Missouri and eighteen Missouri companies from Indiana, was held by members of Indiana insurance companies today.

The majority of the Indiana companies, including the Indianapolis, and local insurance men are confident some agreement will be reached between the commissioners before that time.

However, if no definite agreement is reached by the commissioners it was believed some action to compel either the Indiana or the Missouri commissioners to change their rulings will be taken in court. The Indiana insurance department is in a semi-conscious condition. He told them he had been robbed of \$18, but could not describe his assailant. He then lost consciousness and was sent to the city hospital.

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Wall Street Bankers Ask U. S. Delegates at Genoa

Believe Nation Should Have Part in World Financial Conference March 8.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Belief was expressed in Wall street banking circles today that the United States will participate actively in the International economic conference opening at Genoa March 8 and that the American delegates will raise the question of payment of international war debts owing to this country.

There is every possibility that the Washington conference will have ended before the first of March. The American Government probably would be opposed to participation in two conferences at the same time, but there is opportunity which would give ideals and bargaining.

So far no information has been given out through the official channels whether this country would accept the invitation to the Genoa conference. It is known, however, that bankers have advised acceptance on the ground that this country—the most prosperous in the world—has a right to be present to any great movement for the economic reconstruction of the world.

If the State Department should accept, the next question is whether this country would send a delegation to take an active part in the proceedings or whether it would send merely an observer, as was done at the last meeting of the Supreme Council at Cannes, when the American ambassador to Great Britain, represented.

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NEW RUSS BANK IS SAID TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE

Director Expresses Wish for U. S. Financial Connections.

RIGA, Jan. 18.—In the nine weeks that the new Russian State Bank has been in existence it has paid checks for more than \$1,885,000,000 rubles, according to M. Scheinman, director, who passed through Riga en route from Moscow to Berlin. He deplored the bank had no relations with the financial institution in the United States.

In banking circles the opinion