

## FIFTY MILLIONS IN GOLD BEING MOVED

Curious Throng Crowds Wall Street Watching Removal Of Bank Funds.

SIGHT MOST UNUSUAL ONE

NEW HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONAL CITY BANK BEAUTIFUL—NEW YORK NOTES BY PALLADIUM'S CORRESPONDENT.

(By Fred L. Thorpe.)

New York, Dec. 19.—There was an unusual sight this afternoon and it will be continued tomorrow in Wall street. Fifty millions of dollars in gold, silver and paper currency are being carried across the street from the old quarters of the National City bank to its new home in the former United States customs house. Wall street is filled by a curious jam, but there is always on hand an ample force of blue coats to frustrate any attempt at a hold up.

In the remodeled customs house the National City bank has what is perhaps the most imposing home of any of the financial institutions in America. The old customs house was one of the landmarks of the financial district and when it was turned over to the builders a year ago to be remodeled and four stories added the general verdict was that only a monstrosity could result. The architects were McKim, Mead and White, of which firm the late Stanford White was a member and they solved the problem of adding four stories without changing the building's architectural character and traditions. A Corinthian colonnade was added and the utmost simplicity was preserved, and as a result the structure has lost nothing of its former monumental character.

Interior Wonderful.

It is the interior of the new bank however, which excites wonder. The entire lower section is given over to the purposes of banking. The ceiling is sixty feet high and it is eighty-three feet to the top of the central dome. The two solid bronze doors on the Wall street portal are said to be the largest in the world. There is nothing in the way of balconies or passageways to mar the open effect of the huge domed chamber. The character of this interior is that of extreme simplicity, and the whole color scheme is monotone. The columns, panels and balustrades are of very light gray Italian stone, and the floor is of smoothed stone slabs from France. Very little color enters into the scheme of the room and the dome is of dull, uncolored glass and bronze.

Vault is Massive.

The thing of greatest interest in the bank, however, is the vault. It is a massive structure of armor plate, weighing 300 tons. The safe has every known effective safety device feature. One of the schemes to guard against burglary is a system of steam coils encircling the great steel box designed to parboil any person bent on unlawfully getting at the bank's funds. The steam can be shot into oral buttons scattered about the building. Should an attempt at robbery be made during banking hours and should every clerk be looking into the muzzle of a six-shooter, yet an office boy up in the floor above could touch a button and no human being could enter the vault and live.

Black Sheep Weeded Out.

Announcement of the fact that District Attorney Jerome and his staff of detectives have been keeping an eye on the curb market caused more or less of consternation in certain shady financial circles, but as a whole curb brokers expressed satisfaction over the knowledge. In fact, a committee of the most responsible of the curb dealers has been trying for some months to more closely scrutinize securities offered there and finally secured an agreement among brokers that they would buy or sell no shares in a company which had not filed information concerning itself in the form of affidavits.

This committee has already succeeded in weeding out a large number of "black sheep" securities, but it has not been able to afford complete protection to the public. It is understood it was at the request of this committee that Jerome took a hand in the game. If the reforms planned can be carried out a good deal of the financial sheennanigan which characterizes operations on the curb will be abolished.

Bingham Restrained.

For a future while, at least, Police Commissioner Bingham will not be so obnoxious as he has been in the past. Even so great an autocrat as he has made himself is not in a position to defy with impunity a restraining order of the supreme court; and by a court restraining order he is forbidden to interfere with the affairs of the Lieutenants' Benevolent Association. Bingham issued a set of regulations which forbade any member or members of the force from levying an assessment on other members of the force or soliciting funds from them for any purpose without his permission. This would have prevented the benevolent association from carrying on its operations without first securing the commissioner's permission for each particular assessment. The commissioner had assumed that he a right to control the affairs of the association and this would have made his control effective. The court took the view that the association, which has been in existence for fifteen years, had a

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This Is Worth Reading.

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## UNDERGROUND RIVER OF MAMOTH CAVE

Echoes Intensified by the Low Water.

Cave City, Ky., Dec. 19.—A startling discovery has just been made in Mammoth cave, which is indisputably the effect of the drought which has prevailed over this section for ninety days. In some of the avenue where water from ten to feet stood it is now perfectly dry.

The effect is more noticeable on Echo river than any place. That famous stream which normally can only be traversed for a short distance, owing to the water and the roof of the cave being so near each other, can now be traveled for miles, and it is claimed that the echoes, grand at all times, have been intensified thousands of times by the low water. Many of the avenues and inlets not known to have existed before have been discovered, and at the present water stage many miles of avenues and grottoes can be seen.

While the water is low an effort will be made to locate the exit of the Echo river.

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## But Four More Shopping Days

Department Store Manager Makes a Few Suggestions That Will Greatly Assist the Merchants.

But four more shopping days before Christmas!

Tomorrow the real holiday rush will be on, and there will be a frantic scramble to make up for lost time. The stores in the shopping section have almost doubled their force of salespeople and other help.

But there are delays and disappointments that will be inevitable unless purchasers do their part to lessen the burdens of the salespeople.

One manager of a department store makes the following suggestions for shoppers:

Do as much shopping as possible before noon.  
Take small packages with you.  
Be accurate in giving addresses.  
Don't ask salespeople where to find things. Consult aisle manager or elevator starter.  
Keep to the right.  
Don't block up the aisles.  
Don't lose your temper.

## PRINCE AND ANNA SEEKS LONDON CASH

Usurers Shy of Making Loans To Pair.

London, Dec. 19.—One of Prince de Sagan's closest friends has been in London during the past week, negotiating with money-lenders for large sums, the security offered being notes of de Sagan, indorsed by the Princess Anna. Thus far, the agent has not succeeded in raising the money, as the

usurers are rather shy of dealing with the de Sagan affairs.

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