

## GET-RICH-QUICK BANK UP AGAINST IT

Fraud Order Issued Against the People's United States Bank Of St. Louis, Mo.

### NOTHING BUT A SWINDLE.

Lewis, Chief Promoter, Never Put in a Single Dollar Though He Promised Subscribers to Meet Subscriptions.

Washington, July 9.—Postmaster General Cortelyou tonight announced the issuance of a fraud order against the People's United States bank of St. Louis, its officers and agents and E. C. Lewis, a publisher, effective July 9. The action bars the company from the use of the mails, after an investigation by the postal authorities as to the details of the business of the institution. The postmaster general, in his announcement tonight, says:

"It is understood that the funds of the bank which have not been disbursed by Mr. Lewis and his enterprises, amounting to about two-thirds of the total amount remitted, are deposited in banks and will be available toward reimbursement of the stockholders, who number upward of 65,000. It is the intention of the officers of the postoffice department to co-operate with the secretary of state of Missouri in every proper way for the interests of the investors and depositors."

The announcement of Mr. Cortelyou says that although in early articles in his magazine Mr. Lewis represented that he would subscribe to the capital stock a dollar for every dollar remitted by others, in fact, he would own half of the capital stock, and that later he represented that he had pledged his entire fortune, every dollar he had, and his publishing business in this banking enterprise, and that no subscriptions would exceed \$1,000,000, the inspectors found that Mr. Lewis had not co-operated to the extent of a single dollar of his own money, although the bank had been in operation several months and had a paid-up capital stock of \$2,000,000.

Continuing, the statement says:

"The inspectors found that Mr. Lewis had made an admission to that effect to the bank examiners on April 3, 1905. The inspectors and their office force in St. Louis made a careful checking of the subscription books, finding that on March 15, 1905, Mr. Lewis had received and held as paid for shares of stock in the bank \$2,250,000 and had accounted to the bank in an amount not exceeding \$2,204,394. This showed that over one-half of the \$2,000,000 capital stock which had been paid in was paid out of subscription money received by Mr. Lewis from the public, and that none of his own money had been invested in the enterprise. This was to the entire surprise of the inspectors, who had stated in writing to the inspectors that less than \$50,000 paid in at the original incorporation of the bank were his personal funds. Subsequently at the hearing before the assistant attorney general Mr. Lewis admitted that that money was received by him from the people and was not his own. Although asked to do so at the hearing, he refused to produce any evidence whatever that any of his personal funds had gone into this enterprise. Mr. Lewis stated at the hearing that the directors had never refused to make a loan he requested.

"The most important of the representations were that all of the funds of this bank would be loaned by a committee composed of three directors each from the five principal cities of St. Louis.

The evidence showed, and Mr. Lewis admitted it, that hundreds of thousands of dollars were loaned to himself and his various enterprises; that no committee of 15 had been established, but that the loans had been made practically at Mr. Lewis' will. On March 15, the day after the inspectors began their investigation in the bank, Mr. Lewis placed in his assets two notes, one for \$50,000, signed by himself alone, without any signature of the other for \$10,375 signed by the board of directors. Mr. Lewis received no money from the bank at that time, the notes being put into the bank to cover money previously expended by Mr. Lewis. The last mentioned note, Mr. Lewis claimed, covered money spent in promotion of the bank, but as the secretary of state of Missouri declined to allow it to stand, it stands as a personal loan to the bank.

"On March 15 Mr. Lewis had loaned from the bank's funds to himself and his enterprises \$34,163 to the Lewis Publishing company, \$34,163 to the University Heights Realty & Development company, and \$25,000 to E. G. Lewis. At that time Mr. Lewis had \$3,730 of the bank's money invested in stocks and bonds of his enterprises. The evidence further showed that Lewis had agreed to loan \$16,667 of the bank's money on an unsecured note, but was prevented from doing so by a majority of State Swanson. The University Heights Realty & Development company, which had borrowed from the bank \$34,163 and the stock of which to the extent of 1,377 shares Mr. Lewis sold to the bank is shown to have assets consisting for the most part in land purchased for \$100,000 as speculation in suburban property, and upon which Mr. Lewis stated he had \$15,000 had been expended in improvements. His liabilities are shown to be \$64,700. On April 1, 1905, the cashier of the bank told the inspectors that 1,381 shares of the increased capital stock had been issued, and in every instance the shareholder had signed a proxy appointing Mr. Lewis to vote the stock.

"June 5 last John E. Swanson, secretary of the state of Missouri, made a number of demands upon Mr. Lewis as to the future conduct of the bank, which considerably reduced the inspectors as to the condition of affairs above outlined. Since these demands, which among other things required immediate return to the bank of all funds borrowed by Mr. Lewis and his enterprises, Mr. Lewis had failed to pay the loans. Mr. Lewis is receiving a large number of remittances for stock in the bank under his name. It further appears that it is the intention of the bank to increase its stock to \$5,000,000, and remittances are being asked for on

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## WHITES AND NEGROES INDULGE IN FIGHT.

Two Persons Shot, One Probably  
Fatally, in a Riot in New  
York City.

### TRouble OVER BALL GAME.

Negro Charged With Murdering, Was  
Chased, Ran and Got Pistol and  
Began Firing.

that account. It is impossible to separate the bank from Mr. Lewis in this matter.

The announcement quotes an opinion of the attorney general, to whom the postmaster general submitted the matter, sustaining the action announced tonight. The order was issued July 6, but the fact has been secret until it took effect.

#### HISTORY OF CONCERN.

St. Louis, July 9.—The People's United States bank was incorporated Nov. 14, 1904, with a capital stock of one million dollars. The capital stock was increased March 15, 1905, to \$2,500,000, of which \$2,000,000 was paid in.

The original capital was divided into 10,000 shares, \$500 of which were held by E. C. Lewis. The remaining 8,000 shares were owned by 10 persons, each of whom held 800 shares.

The men chosen to fill the board of directors were Edward G. Lewis, Frank J. Cahill, Augustine P. Cooley, Eugene W. Thompson and Guy Atherton.

E. G. Lewis began advertising the bank in the February, 1904, edition of the Woman's Magazine, a publication which he owned and controlled, and which he had been publishing in St. Louis at the time for about a year. This publication has continued to carry the advertisements to the present time.

The police have been informed that the bank is being conducted in a manner which they consider illegal.

Early statements regarding the bank were filled with hope and promise. In the Woman's Magazine for July, 1904, it was stated by Lewis:

"Since my article appeared in our last issue over 10,000 subscriptions to the capital stock of our bank have been received.

"I am to turn nearly everything I have into cash outside of my stockholdings in my present publishing business, and expect to subscribe for at least \$100,000 of the stock myself.

"I must pay cash exactly the same is you do for my stock as there is no 'promoters' stock in this bank.

"Having armed himself Hart ran down stairs and began firing into the crowd, one of his shots striking James Hart.

At this moment Policeman John Lovre ran into the hall and arrested Hart, after the latter had fired at him twice.

As Lovre brought his prisoner out, a swarm of negroes, armed with pistols, dirks, razors and other weapons, poured out of the tenement, bent on a rescue.

The policeman's helmet was smashed, and he was knocked down and kicked, but he kept a firm grip on his prisoner and finally succeeded in getting him into a wall where he stood off his assailants.

By this time the whites had been reinforced to the number of several hundred, and the negroes broke and fled in every direction.

A shot fired from a negro tenement struck Mrs. Mary Donohue, who was attempting to lead a child out of the tenement, in the head, inflicting probably fatal wound.

The police broke into the house and arrested Alton Middleton, who is supposed to have fired the shot, and five other negroes.

In spite of the presence of a large body of police reserves, desultory fighting between whites and blacks continued until a sudden downpour of rain scattered the combatants.

#### CHANGING COLOR.

Charles Hugo Bell, a Negro Porter, is Turning White.

San Francisco, July 10.—A special dispensation to the Call says:

"The latest freak of nature and maniacal medical scientists is the change of color which is gradually creeping over the body of a negro porter, Charlie Hugo Bell, in Calcutta. Mutation began several years ago. The spots of white have spread to the face and hands. Although the victim of this strange disease suffers no ill effects at present, he has been advised that as soon as the complete changes takes place death will ensue. Bell is a hard laborer and enjoys life, but is the object of sympathy.

Bell was born in Columbia, Ga., in 1886. His parents were full-blooded negroes, coming direct from Africa as slaves to the United States.

New Subway Is Opened.

New York, July 9.—The first subway train to reach the South Ferry terminal arrives there at midnight tonight. The departure of this train opened the new terminal and other subway stations below. Work is still to be done.

The tunnel under the Hudson river was formally opened for public traffic by a train which left One Hundred and Eighth street and the Boston & Maine road at one minute after midnight.

No Gambling in Mexico.

Mexico City, July 9.—It is stated that no more gambling licenses will be issued after Aug. 1, when all existing licenses will be revoked.

The committee will probably submit the report to the delegates for their action this week.

### BUFFALO WELCOMES THE ORDER OF ELKS.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 9.—Thousands of delegates to the nineteenth annual reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks arrived here today and were welcomed by the city fathers.

With the arrival of prominent members of the order many banquets have been launched for the honor of entertaining the Elks in 1905. Denver, Dallas and Atlantic City are represented by enthusiastic advocates of the claims of their respective cities for next year's convention.

Ex-Grand Exalted Ruler O'Brien and Grand Exalted Ruler Fanning have returned from Toronto, where they were engaged in the preparation to admit Canadian Elks to social intimacy with the parent order in the United States.

"We have formulated a report," said Mr. O'Brien, "which will be submitted to the committee on the good of the order. The plan does not favor absolute affiliation, but places the two orders on a brotherly basis. It provides for social intimacy between members of the two orders, the setting up of common lodges and amalgamation in certain departments. Elks on both sides of the border can have the privileges of mobility, but may not be present at any meeting where secret work is transacted.

"This is as far as we can go. To provide for affiliation would be to change the constitution of both orders, and this is not feasible, even if desirable."

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### EIGHT MEN KILLED BY PREMATURE BLAST EXPLOSION

Harrisburg, Pa., July 9.—Eight men were blown to pieces by a premature explosion of a big blast of rock powder on the Pennsylvania railroad improvement near New Cumberland at 7:33 o'clock this morning. The accident occurred directly across the Susquehanna river from the scene of the Pennsylvania railroad wreck on May 15, in which 22 persons were killed and many others were injured.

In the violent explosion, today's disaster was equivalent to B. S. Keenihan & Co., contractors, who are now building the double tracks for the Pennsylvania railroad to connect with the Elizabethtown yards.

The bodies of the men were terribly mangled and particles of flesh and bone were scattered for a distance of 200 yards from the scene of the explosion.

DEAD.

James Wissman, Arthur Green, Robert Thompson, Frank Mullach.

Three Italians and one Slav known only by numbers.

An inquest was held this afternoon. The jury rendered a verdict of premature explosion from an unknown cause and no blame attached to the contractors.

KILLED HER HUSBAND.

William Smith, a Traveling Salesman, Shot by His Wife.

Tucson, July 9.—William Smith, a traveling salesman, was slain and killed by his wife today. The couple had been separated for a year and Mrs. Schmidt came to Denver recently from Los Angeles to offer a reconciliation. She called on her husband in his room and upbraided him for excessive indulgence in drink. A scuffle followed, during which the woman was forced to leave, and it was discharged three times by Mrs. Schmidt, all three bullets entering her husband's left side. The woman came here from Tucson, Ariz., with her first husband, a man named Ezekiel, who was one time a deputy United States marshal of Arizona. They were divorced within a few months after arriving in Denver. The woman is under arrest.

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Taylor in the battle of Buena Vista and later was under the United States flag, fighting in northern Mexico. He served for three years on the Union side in the Civil war, but falling sick was compelled to leave the service. Later he was given special work by the government and in recognition of his services received a personal letter from President Abraham Lincoln, when who expressed his thanks for the services performed by Mr. Selby. The remains will be sent to Jacksonville, Ill., his former home, for interment.

"BIG FOUR" COLLISION.

Firman Fatally and Enginee  
Seriouly Injured.

Greenacres, Ind., July 8.—White running at the rate of 60 miles an hour this evening an east bound New York fast mail train on the "Big Four" collided with the west bound freight, No. 99, which was pulling into a siding at Oak Hill, five miles west of here. Fireman Timpy, aged 49, of Indianapolis, was fatally and Engineer George M. McMillan, 30, of Indianapolis, seriously injured. Both of the injured were on the mail train. None of the mail clerks or passengers were injured. The engine and one mail car and the combination car left the track and ran 50 feet into a corn field.

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