

following statement to the Associated Press regarding banking conditions in Portland:

"The financial situation in Portland is remarkably good. The banks of Portland have more money on hand than at any time in their history. There is scarcely a bank in this territory that is not in a position to loan money. Very few big loans are being made except on wheat and wool. The banks of Portland are careful and conservative and operate on an individual basis. Portland is out of debt and is a loaner and not a borrower. The volume of Portland's so-called ultra conservatism could not be better demonstrated than at this time."

#### MONTANA SAFE.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 22.—Financial conditions in Montana were never better. Record prices obtain for wool and sheep, while cattle have commanded a material advance over last year. Up to two months ago, copper sold at unusually high prices, so that on the whole the present year has been the most prosperous in the history of the state. All records of the bumper order and last reports to the examiner show the state banks have unencumbered deposits, surplus and reserve funds. The same is true of national banks. There is comparatively no speculation in stocks in Montana aside from outside purchases, and the owners as a rule are prepared to carry them.

#### CHICAGO BANKS SOUND.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—The officials of the banks of this city are in a unit in declaring that never in the history of the city have its financial institutions been in as sound a basis as they are at present.

Following the failure of the Chicago National bank, two years ago, the Chicago Clearing House association dismissed with the state and national inspection of banks appointed inspectors of its own, a salary double that paid by the government for similar work.

The inspectors' bureau has the power to audit banks at any time, and as a consequence all of the banks know exactly every day the condition of the other banks. When a bank demurs to the work of the auditor, it is promptly denied clearing house facilities. The result is that the banks of this city have been compelled to liquidate, and that the banks of this city are stronger today than they have ever been.

Cashier B. M. Chittell of the Illinois Trust & Savings bank declared today that there are no weak spots in the banks of Chicago. There is not only money here in sufficient quantity, he said, but the ordinary channels of business, but for the moving of all the grain crops in the west. Money is as plentiful here as it ever is at this time of year.

#### PRESIDENT FORGAN OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK SAID:

"The Chicago banks are absolutely sound. They are not in the habit of handling undigested or undigestible securities. We do not use all of our money in legitimate enterprises. The disturbance in New York cannot disturb us in the slightest degree."

**CORTELYOU GOES TO NEW YORK.**

Acting upon advices from New York regarding the financial situation there Secy. Cortelyou will leave for New York at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

#### MUST REINSTATE SKEGGS OR TELEGRAPHERS STRIKE.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 22.—Unless the Denver & Rio Grande railroad officials agree today to reinstate R. H. Skeggs as wire chief at Grand Junction 40 telegraphers will go on strike. The Rio Grande lines will quit work tonight. This ultimatum was sent today to the railroad officials, by the President H. B. Patterson, and other officers of the Order of Telegraphers. Patterson said he had charged a month ago in consequence of his refusal to test a Western Union wire when ordered to do so by the railroad superintendent of telegraph.

#### MRS. JORDAN'S TESTIMONY.

Blaines Bingham Man for Step Daughter's Despondency.

Mrs. C. Jordan, step-mother to Little, who committed suicide Thursday, was on the stand yesterday afternoon at the inquest being held before Justice of the Peace Dana T. Smith. Mrs. Jordan says a Richard Thompson of Bingham, who also went under the name of Wilson, had accompanied her to the girl's home a few days before the unfortunate girl's death, and blames this man for the girl's despondency. She met him through a Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harold of 743 East Second South street, and it was while visiting this couple that Little was assaulted. While the girl had been in a house of ill repute in Bingham and had been around the streets in this city, it appears she was trying to grow out of the old ways of the prostitute and was determined to be a brute. Thompson or Wilson, is what Little told her heart and drove her to death. The father had to leave the room as Mrs. Jordan told portions of her story and Mrs. Jordan herself sobbed bitterly as she laid bare the confessions of her dead step-daughter.

#### NO STRIKE YET.

**BIO GRANDE TELEGRAPHERS, HOWEVER, EXPECT ORDERS THIS AFTERNOON.**

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon the word from Denver which is expected to start a strike of the railroad telegraphers employed by that company, had not been received.

A. Tanquary, who is here to conduct the strike on behalf of the National union, was seen this afternoon at the Kenyon hotel. "It is probable that orders to strike will be received this afternoon," he said, "and we will be ready to arrive any moment. The fact that R. H. Skeggs has been called to Denver to consult with the officials there may mean that the strike will be postponed, and possibly adjourned."

The only letter introduced as a part of the evidence yesterday was the following from Mrs. W. T. Harold under date of Oct. 9:

"I am sorry to inform your mother this morning. You were asleep. I am very glad to hear you were home, because I know what it meant for you to get back. Little, your mother treated me awfully cool over the phone. She acts as if you and she were both mad at me, and you know, Little, you have no cause to be. I would do anything I could for you, as you know, and have

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#### STEP MOTHER HAS STRANGE THEORY

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more comfortable. So far as I could judge her flesh was natural. What she did with her stockings I do not know. I put her shoes in a corner.

#### SEEMED HAPPY.

"She and I got into bed together; she still seemed happy and complained of nothing. I asked her if she was one she had felt in her left side."

"Before her mother got into bed her mother (Mrs. Jordan), kneeled down at the side of her bed to pray. 'Pray for me, mama,' said Little, and when the prayer was finished Little said, 'I can feel you have.' I spoke to her a little while afterward. She was quiet and as she always breathed evenly when asleep I did not suspect anything when she breathed heavily, sleeping like this. I was awake at 2 o'clock, but could not say anything about what happened after that time. I was awake several times to attend to my baby, but at no time noticed anything unusual about Little. When I got up at 8 o'clock I looked at her. 'She's looking so well now it would be a shame to disturb her,' said so it was no for some time that I disturbed her."

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