START NEW SYSTEM FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

NEW BANKING LAW BEGINS WITH \$100,000,000.

FINAL STATEMENT MADE

National Banks of County Are in Fine Condition to Meet Demands of New Law-Actual Working Capital of Federal Reserve System May be Only Half of Authorized Total.

The new federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve banks, no matter how many institutions the organization committee decides to set up. This became apparent Wednesday night when figures were made public from all national banks responding to the last call of the comptroller of the currency, made March

The statement issued giving these figures will be the last of the kind before formal launching of the new system, unless the organization committee changes its present purpose and delays announcement of reserve districts and citiss for the location of regional banks. The total capital and surplus of the 7,494 national banks reporting was given at about \$1,780,000,000. Under the reserve act each national bank must subscribe 6 per cent. of its capital and surplus to the capital of the reserve bank in its district, and 6 per cent. of this total would be about \$107,000,-

There were only 7,455 national banks who signified their intention to enter the system, so that the total would be somewhat reduced, but the entrance into the system of state banks and trust companies will tend to offset this, and it is possible that with these institutions included the capital of all reserve banks will be near \$110,000,000.

The actual working capital of the reserve banks may reach only half this amount, for the act provides mandatory subscriptions of only three-sixths of the total 6 per cent. The reserve board the machine which will direct the system, is authorized, however, to demand payment of the other three-sixths.

The statement shows national banks in excellent condition to meet the demands of the new law. Some obser 25 were surprised by the fact that lower and discounts have increased instead of being curtailed. Loans and discounts on March 4, 1914, amounted to \$6,357,535,898, a gain over January 13, 1914, the time of the last call, of \$182,130,936.

Subscribing banks must begin payments for their reserve bank stock thirty days after announcement of the districts and reserve cities, and it was believed in some quarters that Wednesday's announcement might show a decrease in loans and discounts because of this impending announcement. The loan and discount increase, taken together with the fact that individual deposits increased in the same period by more than \$39,000,000, was said to be the best indication that the national banks are in shape to meet the demands of the new system.

According to the statement, the resources and liabilities of the national banks were \$11,564,497,260; their capital stock \$1,056,482,120 and their individual deposits \$6,111,328, 457. Their reserves were put at \$1,547,592,375, an average of 20.62 per cent. and \$47,529,429 above the amount required by law. The cash in banks decreased since January, 1914, about \$14,000,000, but increased over April, 1913, about \$80,000,

During March ten new banks were authorized to begin business and since the currency act was signed there have been 184 applications for conservation into national banks or for entrance into the new system as state institutions.

Shoots Praying Man.

Because "a stronge compelling voice" whispered in his ear: "Perform a blood sacrifice and purify the meeting," E. M. Metcalf, of Los Angeles, Can, shot Gustav Victor Hugo at the latter was leading in prayer Saturday.

Proposed to Girl in Jail.

While hundreds were watching Frank Register of Savannah, Ga., climbed a tree in front of a jail window and proposed to Miss Zetta Metlock. No charge is against the girl, who is being held for her parents.

Officer Shot by Negro.

Deputy Sheriff Curtis of Elizabeth county, Va., Sunday allowed John Carter, a negro booze seller, to go into his house for clothes. The negro got his gun and fired, probably fatally wounding Curtis.

Boy Scared to Death.

The sudden honking of a flock of geese Saturday frightened Frank Chunk, ten years old, of Racine, Wis., into convulsions. The boy, who had

RELEASED CONVICT MAKES AT-TEMPT ON LITTLE GIRL,

Puts Up Drunkenness as Main Defense, Saying He Knows Nothing o the Crime.

Lodged behind the bars of the Charleston police station is Clarence Davis, a young white man of that ity, who was arrested Wednesday morning, charged with attempting a crime for which the punishment is electrocution. His victim is alleged to have been the four-year-old daughter of a Charleston citizen. The screams of the little girl, it is re-

ported, saved her. Davis a the young man who was either paroled or pardoned by Gov. Blease several months ago, after serving part of a sentence for forgery on a King street clothier. Since his return to Charleston, however, he had been in trouble before this latest exhibition of devilment. On February 8, 1913, in the police court he was sentenced to \$50 or thirty days on the chain gang by Recorder Jervey, for assaulting a young woman

in the Market. He served his time. The story of the attempted assault is shocking. It is claimed that Tuesday afternoon Davis met the little girl on Vanderhorst street, while she was going to a store for her mother. and enticed her to his home by giving her five cents. There, it is alleged, the ugly crime was attempted. The screams of the child brought Davis wife and others, several of whom appeared at the investigation.

At the preliminary held Thursday before Magistrate George Lunz Davis vas held for trial in the court of general sessions. Three witnesses testified as to the attempt, telling of how he enticed his victim, who is but four years old, to his residence and of how her screams saved her. Davis pleaded, in a statement made to the magistrate, that he was drunk and denied any knowledge of the alleged assault. He was not represented by

Members of the police force arrested Davis on the charge of attempted eriminal assault Wednesday morning, after they had been informed of his crime, which is alleged to have occurred Tuesday evening. According to the witnesses who appeared before Magistrate Lunz Wednesday Davis met the child Tuesday evening on Vanderhorst street, while she was on an errand for her mother and enticed her to his home by giving her five cents. There, it is alleged, the crime was attempted, but he screams of the little girl brough the wife of Davis and others to the scene before she came to any harm.

HOMICIDE NEAR MARION.

Croatan Indian Charged With Killing His Brother.

Crickett Calder, a Croatan, living about six miles north of Marion, is charged with having killed his broth- A plan to prevent enrollment of a er, Willis Calder, in a drunken brawl voter at but one club and providing Friday night. It is said a spade han- for the filing of certified lists of the dle was the weapon used. From re- club rolls some 10 or 15 days with ports, it seems that the two men the clerk of court in every county bewere travelling along the country road near Moody's Mill, and after a few words Crickett struck Willis with practically no likelihood of any such town. She had been murdered with of the latter, who lived until morn-

ing. Crickett Calder is said to have attempted to escape, going to the town of Latta with the seeming intention of there taking a train on the Atlantic Coast Line. He was quickly arrested by the authorities on the request of the sheriff of Marion county.

+++ BABY USES PIG'S EYE.

---Remarkable Operation Has Been Per-

formed at Baltimore.

What is believed to be the first operation of its kind in the country was performed Tuesday at a Baltimore, Md., hospital when the corner of a pig's eye was grafted on the sightless eye of a three-months-old boy. It was said that previous opera tion in which rabbit's eyes had been used were unsuccessful, but that experiments with pig's eyes had led scientists to believe that they were more adaptable. Two cases are said to be on record where the grafting of human corneas gave sight to totally blind eyes.

Wounded Wife and Killed Self.

Will Massey, a white man employed at a lumber plant at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Wednesday shot his wife three times, inflicting fatal injuries, and then killed himself.

Burned to Death.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, wife of a Castana, Iowa, farmer, died Wednesday from burns. She was giving her baby a bath near the stove when her apron caught fire.

Oil Lamp Explodes.

Mrs. W. M. Bridges of Greenville was painfully burned Saturday when an oil lamp exploded in her home.

Attorney is Disbarred.

Charles P. Sims of the Spartana weak heart, died shortly after- burg bar was indefinitely suspended day one man and thirty-three horses Thursday by the supreme court.

FIGHT IS COMING

EACH CANDIDATE WANTS CON-TROL OF CONVENTION.

STRAINING EVERY NERVE

Forces Behind the Governor Are Mak ing Desperate Efforts to Capture the County Conventions-Smith's Friends Are Making Every Effort

to Retain Control.

Preparations for the meeting o he Democratic clubs throughout the State three weeks from Saturday night are being made by both friends and opponents of the present governor of South Carolina, who is a candidate for the United States Senate to which the incumbent, Senator E D. Smith, will stand for re-election Under the constitution and rules of the party the clubs will meet on April

convention which meets May 4. The State convention meets in Co umbia on May 20, the first primary election will be held on August 25 and the second primary on September 8. Realizing that control of the clubs carries with it control of the county convention and through them domination of the State convention and the State executive committee along with the election machinery both the Smith and Blease forces are on the qui vive for the club meetings.

25 to elect delegates to the county

With both sides alert it is expected that attendance at every club meeting throughout the State wil break all records this year. The 1919 State convention was overwhelmingly against Gov. Blease, his friends controlling only about six out of the 44 county conventions. This year the Blease faction is straining every nerve to gain control of the State convention and the executive committee and word was sent out long ago to turn out and get control of the club meetings.

The Smith people are quietly determined to retain control of the election machinery and capture the State convention. The result is impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy. Former Gov. John Gary Evans of Spartanburg is the present State chairman of the Democratic executive committee and Mr. Christie Benet of Columbia is secretary. Each county convention elects a member of the State executive committee and the committee elects the State chairman. Mr. Benet's name has been brought forward for State chairman and it is believed that he would make an acceptable chairman to all factions in the Democratic party. He has not been sounded on the proposition by his friends who want the party to secure his services.

While some minor amendments to the rules governing regulations of the primary may be advocated before the convention, it is not believed that any radical restrictions will be adopted. fore the first primary will likely be

One big fight before the convention will possibly be the move to abolish the county to county canvass of candidates. The suggestion to abolish this plan is being warmly seconded throughout the State and there are have it discontinued. If the plan to abolish the county to county canvass is pushed it will stand good chance of being successful. The idea is to let each candidate run his own campaign and speak when and wherever he pleases and not speak at all if he doesn't want to is growing throughout the State.

Spanked Girl Tries to Suicide.

Heartbroken because her father ad given her a spanking because she stayed out late Sunday night, Helen Smith, 15 years old, attempted suicide at Philadelphia, Pa., by turning on the gas.

Thief Dies at Home Town.

Reappearing in Newalla, Okla., Thursday for the first time in three years, J. A. Patterson robbed a bank of \$6,100. He escaped into the thick timber, where he was killed by the

Mail Carrier Drowned.

Colvir. Pierce, a rural mail carrier of Mansfield, La., is missing and is believed to have been drowned while attempting to ford a swollen stream

Wife Shoots Her Husband.

John W. Edwards, of Asheville, N C., was shot and probably fatally wounded Sunday by his wife.

Loses Life in a Fire.

In a fire at Bethlehem, Pa., Tuce were burned to death.

FIGHT STILL GOING ON

REPORTS FROM MEXICO TELL OF UNCERTAIN RESULT.

Border Town is Under Impression That Something Has Happened Towards the South.

A dispatch from Juarez, Mexico Tuesday says that city was thrown into a state of high excitement late Tuesday when it was reported that Torreon had fallen, but the report falled of verification or denial. Re bel officials telegraphed to Gomez Palacio asking Gen. Villa if the news was true. The operator there replied he was under orders to transmit no messages of any kind. Gen. Carranza said he regretted that he could not confirm the report, and other of ficials had the same reply.

The first report was that Marion etcher, United States consul at Chiuahua, had transmitted to W. J Bryan, secretary of state, a report from George Carothers, vice consul who has been at the front with Villa that Torreon was captured at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. On the heels of this some rebel officers telephoned to the offices of the Mexico & Northwestern railroad at Juarez that the capitulation of the federals was officially announced.

The rumors spread rapidly and in few moments the streets leading to the telegraph office were jammed. At the international bridge there was a stream of interested persons pouring from El Paso, and orders were isued that all be searched for weapons. The saloons which were al lowed to reopen Monday night were For Sale-Mixed clay peas at \$2.25 again closed.

That something was wrong with the news began to be suspected when rebel officials were observed among the seekers for confirmation. Singly and in groups they returned from Gen. Carranza's office, shaking their heads and went to the telegraph of fice. Here too verification was lacking and finally Frederico Gonzales Garza telegraphed directly to Gen. Villa, only to be informed by the operator that his message could not be handled.

The whole incident left the impresion that something of importance vas taking place in the south, and it vas hoped that official announcement of victory merely was being delayed or some purpose known only to Vil-

A telegram from Villa to Gen. Carranza, given out Tuesday afternoon, felicitated Carranza on his welcome to Juarez and said that Villa hoped Malari, Chills Jaundice cured or to announce the surrender of Toreon in a few hours. Another tele gram purporting to come from Villa said he was meeting with desperate resistance in attempting to take the general barracks, the last position held by the federals, and was about to dynamite buildings in the neighborhood so he could use his artillery.

BOY KILLS TEACHER.

Pretty Young Woman Murdered by Scholar She Expelled.

The body of Miss Lydia Beecher, a high school teacher of Portland, N. Y., was found Saturday in a clump urged on the convention. There is of bushes on the outskirts of that the spade handle, crushing the skull step as the restriction of the primary a knife apparently after having been to registered voters will be adopted, attacked. The young woman left her boarding house Friday night to mail a letter at the village post office and

failed to return. Engene Giannini, a 17-year-old Italian, lad was arrested as a suspect in connection with the murder of indications that the move may be Miss Beecher, who had expelled him successful. There is a growing idea from the school, confessed Saturday that this biennial tour is working evening that he killed the girl and more harm than good and that it told the police where he had hidden would be better for everybody to the knife and wrench with which the crime was committed.

MADE LONG TRIP.

Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Stole Ride in

Refrigerator Car.

Benjamin Wickman, 14 years old. Wednesday told his experience of three days locked in a refrigerator car filled with fruit that he could see through a grating, but could not reach. A year ago the boy's family moved from New York to Florida. Benjamin longed to be back in New York. He claimbed into a refrigerator car at Jacksonville several days ago and was locked in. He starved and thirsted for three days within sight of the juicy fruit.

Two Firemen Killed.

When fire destroyed the Franks Hotel, of Souix City, Ia., Wednesday wo firemen were killed.

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