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No. 4070. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Merchants and Planters National Bank.

At Bryan, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Dec. 1, 1898.

| RESOURCES. | |
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| Loans and discounts | \$157,139 42 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 30,491 02 |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation | 25,000 00 |
| Stocks, securities, etc. | 2,781 46 |
| Banking-house furniture, and fixtures | 1,025 35 |
| Other Real Estate and Mortgages owned | 1,000 75 |
| Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents) | 52,809 78 |
| Due from State Banks and Bankers | 2,387 40 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 12,378 90 |
| Checks and other cash items | 5,741 61 |
| Notes of other National Banks | 5,500 00 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 251 27 |
| LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: | |
| Specie | 8,780 00 |
| Legal-tender notes | 59,680 00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 15 per cent of circulation | 895 00 |
| Total | \$396,352 85 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital stock paid in | 100,000 00 |
| Voluntary assessment | 25,000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 20,000 00 |
| Undivided profits, less expense and taxes paid | 4,031 20 |
| National Bank notes outstanding | 22,500 00 |
| Due to other National Banks | 2,165 06 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 190,656 22 |
| Demand Certificates of Deposit | 2,420 82 |
| Total | \$396,352 85 |

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF BAYLOR, ss. I, J. N. Cole, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. N. Cole, Cashier, subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 1898. H. M. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public Brazos Co., Texas. COURT—Attest: J. W. KNOX, M. D. COLE, H. ROHR, Directors.

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MUST CALL CHINA DOWN.

American and British Interests Demand some Change in China.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.—John Barratt, formerly United States minister to Siam, returned here after visiting Peking and principal Chinese ports. He says the situation in China is of the most critical nature and that Manchuria is no longer Chinese, but Russian territory. He also asserts that Kowloon, the chief northern port for the movement of American products, is also practically Russian and liable to be closed any day. The only permanent safeguard paramount to American and European interests, Mr. Barratt says, is the immediate and united action by inter-Asian governments to demand the integrity of the Chinese empire, to enforce reforms in the government, to prevent further cessations of ports and provinces and to insist upon an "open door" policy in all parts of China, involving spheres of influence claimed by Russia, Germany and France. Otherwise, Mr. Barratt contends, the partition of the Chinese empire will seriously curtail the field of trade by disastrously affecting American and British influences in Asia.

WILL BUILD THE CANAL.

United States Will Make All Endeavors to Satisfy Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President McKinley is in favor of opening negotiations with Great Britain to modify the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so as to permit the construction and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States.

Should congress, during the present session, fail to enact the pending Morgan bill, the present also favors entering into negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica, looking to the construction of the canal under the auspices and control of the United States.

On the integrity of a high official of the administration it is stated there is absolutely no ground for the foundation for the report that Great Britain through Sir Julian Pauncefote has prevailed on the state department against that feature of the president's message dealing with the canal question. On the contrary, the authorities have every reason to believe that the British government will consent to any reasonable modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the president may desire so as to remove the obstacles which it has placed in the way of the control of the canal by the government.

So satisfied are the officials on this point that negotiations will soon be well under way which, it is hoped, will culminate in an agreement expected by intended to give this government the right to construct and control the proposed waterway.

The Prisoners Had \$1000

TEXAS, Ark., Dec. 9.—Charlie Mayer, W. C. White and Joe Coleman, the men who were jailed here on suspicion of robbing J. H. Helm of Plover, Ill., at the union station here were the cause of quite a sensation here. The officers believed from their appearance that they were fugitives, so they stripped them, and were surprised to find over \$500 sewed up in the lining of their clothing. This makes a total of about \$1000 in possession of the men at the time of arrest. A special grand jury has been impaneled, and is inquiring into the nature of the case.

A Life Convict Pardoned.

New York, Dec. 9.—For 12 years and more George Ogle had worn a convict's stripes in Sing Sing prison, and faced the horrors of a life sentence without a promise of release, but a free pardon has reached him. In 1887 a man named James Brown was stabbed to death in a saloon here. Two men swore Ogle was the assailant, and he was convicted and sent up for life. Recently one of the men confessed that he had committed perjury, and Ogle's release is the result.

Five Hundred for a Rag.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 9.—In the city court here Judge Thomas M. Norwood, former United States senator from Georgia, fined Private J. E. Moore of battery A, First Maine artillery, \$500 or six months on the chain gang for embracing the wife of a prominent county official on the street while the soldier was intoxicated. Judge Norwood also administered a severe lecture.

Peace Jubilee at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Dec. 9.—All arrangements for the peace jubilee to be held here on next Wednesday and Thursday have been completed. It will be a grand affair. President McKinley of his cabinet will attend.

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- Mixed Sour Pickles,
- Mixed Sweet Pickles and
- Bulk Mince Meat,
- Extra Fancy Dry Kraut,
- Fresh Celery,
- Finest of Flour,

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- Chopped Celery,
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