

Fraud Hits Newspaper

The Tundra Times is \$5 poorer these days with no hope of repayment.

Two weeks ago, a check deposited by the newspaper was returned as without funds.

After writing the bank which returned the check for the address of the signer, we received the following interesting reply from Charles S. White, Assistant Vice President of the First Western Bank and Trust Company in San Francisco, California.

Unfortunately, he wrote us, the check we had was quite fraudulent.

"Mr. Joseph Sentere, using the alias of Alfred Preo opened an account at our Mission Office," wrote Mr. White. "He then proceeded to defraud our bank by various manipulations resulting in a substantial loss to us. In addition, checks were written to various newspapers throughout the West ordering subscriptions.

"These newspapers were primarily concerned in mining activities and it is believed that attempts were made to purchase placer gold from the ads in these

publications."

"On February 12, Mr. Sentere was apprehended by the FBI and he is presently in custody awaiting trial."