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PUTTING LAW INTO EFFECT

Houston and McAdoo Working on New Financial Plan.

BANKS ASK FOR MEMBERSHIP

Question of Number of Districts and Location of the Reserve Banks Are to Be Decided First.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With all the power of a law fresh from the pen of President Wilson behind them, Secretary McAdoo and Secretary Houston today began working out details of the nation's new financial system.

Independent

Send Thanks to President Wilson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—John H. Wright of the Independent Telephone Association of America, in a letter received today at the Department of Justice praised the recent agreement made by Attorney General McReynolds for a re-organization of the so-called Telephone trust. Mr. Wright wrote in part:

"The agreement you have reached indicates most satisfactory results which constitute a justification and compensation for our long struggle for that end. May we also, through you, express to President Wilson our appreciation of his distinguished personal consideration of this controversy and the unflinching patriotism that has characterized his attitude throughout."

R. G. Hubbell, president of the Federal Telephone and Telegraph company of Buffalo, wrote Mr. McReynolds in a similar vein: "You have done a wonderful work for public good," wrote Mr. Hubbell, "and are being proclaimed a hero by independent telephone interests, which embrace more than 400,000 security holders."

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—In a letter sent to Attorney General McReynolds today, Attorney H. R. McGraw of this city demands that the Bell Telephone company asks the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to take over the properties of the Cuyahoga and United States Telephone companies here the request be refused. He points out that the Bell purchased these properties in 1907, but a physical merger has never resulted. He expects it to be attempted under the terms of the recent dissolution agreement of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Christmas Verses by Poet Laureate

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A poem entitled "Christmas Eve" by Robert Bridges, Great Britain's poet laureate, appears in the Times today by their majesties' express desire. The poem is in four verses and has the sub-title "Fax Homibus Bonae Voluntatis."

The first two verses read: A frosty Christmas eve, when stars were shining, Fared forth alone, where westward falls the hill, And from many a village in the water'd valley Distant music reached me, peals of bells.

The poet's thought to keep that first Christmas, When the shepherds, watching by their folds, Heard music in the fields and, marveling, could not tell.

Whether it were angels or the bright stars singing, The poem is cast in the form adopted by the first recorded predecessor of the laureate in 1340, namely, German rhythm, based upon alliteration and a central pause, the most familiar illustration of which is in the Vision of Piers Plowman.

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Christmas Day Activities for Omaha Epitomized

Matinee at Brandeis, Orpheum, Empress and Gayety theaters. Soccer foot ball game at Miller Park in afternoon.

Knight Templar annual Christmas program at Masonic temple, 11 a. m. Special turkey dinner at noon, House of Hope, donated by George H. Payne, followed by Christmas tree and program rendered by girls of Kozaize Memorial Sunday school.

Christmas tree and distribution of baskets at Volunteers' hall, 14 North Fifteenth street, 10 o'clock.

Distribution of baskets at Union Gospel mission, 316 Chicago street, during the morning.

Christmas tree and distribution of presents to children at the City Mission, 124 Pacific street, 10 o'clock.

Children's dinner to inmates of the city jail, noon.

Turkey dinner at the county poor farm at noon.

Turkey dinner for Omaha newboys, given by George Brandeis at the Millard hotel, 4 p. m.

Christmas tree and celebration, Prairie Park club, Twenty-fifth and Ames avenue, 8 p. m.

Church Services.

Special Christmas services in the following churches:

Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, Twentieth and Ohio streets; holy communion at 7 and 10 a. m.

All Saints, Episcopal, Twenty-sixth and Dewey avenue; special services at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m.

St. Matthias, Episcopal, Tenth and Worthington streets; holy communion at 10 a. m.

First Reformed, Twenty-third and Dear Street; boulevard Christmas exercises by the Sunday school at 8 p. m.

People's church, Eighteenth and Cass streets; Christmas tree and musical program at 7:30 p. m.

German Evangelical, Eighteenth and Cuming streets; Christmas sermon and music at 8:30 a. m.; Christmas tree and program at 7:15 p. m.

Grace Lutheran, Twenty-sixth and Poppleton avenue; Christmas service at 8:30 a. m.

Immanuel Lutheran, Nineteenth and Cass streets; Christmas matins at 5 a. m.; Sunday school festival at 7:30 p. m.

Kozaize Memorial Lutheran, Twenty-sixth and Hamilton streets; Christmas tree and program for children, 7:30 p. m.

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BIG FINES ASSESSED AGAINST MISSOURI LUMBER COMPANIES

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testimony, reported that the companies had entered into an illegal agreement to control the price of lumber and limit the production thereof.

How Law Was Violated. The commissioner found the company had violated the laws in the following ways:

By using what was known as an association price list.

By curtailing the output of lumber in 1914 and 1915 for the purpose of increasing the price of yellow pine lumber to the consumer.

By entering into what was known as the joint trade relations agreement in 1914 between members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association and members of the various retail dealers' association.

By these agreements, he reported, manufacturers and wholesalers agreed to sell only to certain retailers and retailers agreed to buy only from members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' combination.

By blacklisting certain retailers who did not conform to "trade ethics" by dividing the territory and by refusing to sell to consumers in carload lots or to co-operative stores.

The names of the following foreign companies and the fines imposed follow: Chicago Lumber and Coal company, \$5,000.

Litkes Lumber and Coal company, \$5,000.

Freeman Smith Lumber company, \$1,000.

Arkansas Lumber company, \$1,000.

The Detroit Timber and Lumber company was found not guilty because it was not definitely shown that the concern was a member of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association.

The suits against the lumber companies were filed in 1908 by Herbert S. Hadley, then attorney general, acting in concert with the attorneys general of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, who filed similar suits in their states.

When Mr. Hadley became governor of Missouri his successor, Elliott W. Major, now governor, continued the prosecutions, spending fifteen months taking testimony and in presenting the evidence to the supreme court.

Final arguments in the case were made last January.

Why Sentences Are Suspended. The reason the supreme court suspended the decree of ouster is set forth in the decree filed today as follows:

"Being of the opinion that there are diverse degrees of guilt among these respondents and that on the surface, at least, the Yellow Pine association has reformed of the evils which it long openly and flagrantly practiced, we are of the opinion that the ends of justice will be subserved by granting a stay of execution, pending the further order of this court, of the decree of forfeiture and ouster as to some of these respondents, on the payment of the fines severally assessed against them within thirty days."

Married Women Are Better Teachers

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Married women school teachers are better able to instruct and are better disciplined than single women, according to a report made on the subject by Dr. H. M. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools to the Board of Education at its last meeting of the year yesterday. The report is the result of study in 114 cases of women who served as teachers four years before they were married and four years afterwards.

Dr. Maxwell said that in the same number of cases it was found that before marriage the teachers were absent from school on an average of twenty-three days during the term and after the marriage the average was thirty-eight days. The efficiency of the married teachers was not lessened.

There were no statistics in the report to show whether or not those teachers were more efficient than the majority who have remained unmarried while teaching and Dr. Maxwell was directed to gather data about the spinsters so that the board may make more accurate deductions.

Irish Labor Leader Coming to America

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—James Larkin, the leader of the Irish transport workers, who have been on strike since September, is going to the United States early in the new year to carry on his "fiery cross" mission among laboring men there. At the same time he will collect funds for the strikers here. He made this announcement today in a speech at Kilmalham, a suburb.

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Miners. The entertainment was set for early evening and the hall, which is on the second floor, was soon filled to its limit. The children selected to recite Christmas selections and sing carols had finished their part of the program, and the men selected to play the part of Santa Claus had appeared in their gaudy dress to distribute the presents that were piled around the large, brilliantly lighted tree.

The children were instructed to march up the aisles to the tree so that the presents could be handed to them. The aisles were filled with boys and girls, when a large man with a heavy beard like the one usually pictured as belonging to St. Nicholas, put his head in at the door of the main hallway and yelled "fire."

DEATH RECORD

Charles M. Travis, DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.—Charles M. Travis, minister to Brazil under President Grant and law partner of General Lew Wallace, died at the soldiers' home here today. He was 85 years old.

Edward S. Walton, YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 24.—Edward S. Walton, 52, president of the National Builders' Supply association, died here today from heart disease.

We Wish the Whole World a Joyous Christmas

The most beautiful of man's ideals comes impressively before us today, and with its coming that spirit which permeates this earth and makes one feel that there is more to live for than one's mere self, cannot be withheld.

May we in following the Great Example's lead give our truest efforts in making every one with whom we come in contact know the real meaning of this great truth.

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