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OPPOSITION COMPANIES TO UNITE.

BIG CONTEST UNDER WAY

A National Association of the 1,000 Operating Telephone Exchanges of the United States Outside of the Bell Company to Wage War—Western Construction Company in It.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—The Times Herald says: "Steps looking to the formation of a powerful alliance in opposition to the Bell Telephone company are to be taken in Chicago this week. Here are the main things contemplated: A national association of the 1,000 operating telephone exchanges of the United States independent of the Bell company for mutual protection and development; long distance toll line connections by the connection of the various independent telephone exchanges of the country; the establishment of an independent long distance service connecting the great commercial centers in a field now occupied exclusively by the Bell company; the completion in the near future of an opposition telephone exchange in the city of Chicago, for which purpose a company composed of capitalists with experience in large enterprises has already been organized; co-operation for resisting any action the Bell company may take in the courts in reference to the Berliner decision. All these matters will be brought prominently to the attention of the public by a meeting which will be held here next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The call for this meeting has been issued by James E. Keely, president of the Western Telephone Construction company. It has been sent to all of the 1,000 or more independent telephone exchanges of the country, and has elicited a general interest among them. Reports received indicate that at least 300 exchanges will send from one to five representatives each. Mr. Keely estimates the total at about between 500 and 1,000 delegates.

E. C. SATTLEY PARDONED.

The Kansas City Savings Bank Cashier Released From the Penitentiary. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 25.—The gates of the penitentiary were thrown open yesterday afternoon and Elmer C. Sattley stepped forth a free man by grace of Governor Lon V. Stephens.

The order for the release of Sattley was brought to Warden Stark by the convict's brother, W. N. Sattley, manager of the Manhattan Life Insurance company's Chicago office. Sattley will first go to Chicago with his brother and will then leave for Los Angeles, Cal., where his wife is reported to be on her deathbed. The release of the ex-cashier from prison took place so quietly that only the governor and the prison officials knew that he had gone until this morning.

"I pardoned Sattley," said Governor Stephens to-day, "because, before I became governor, I was committed to the belief that he was, at the worst, only technically guilty. He was the victim of unfortunate circumstances. He never passed upon any of the bank's loans, and was no more guilty of defrauding the depositors than the teller who received the money. I was acquainted with the situation in Kansas City at the close of the real estate boom, and Sattley was no more sanguine regarding property values than hundreds of other business men whom I knew. When the run on the bank began he was promised financial aid by the Equitable Mortgage company of New York. The money did not come and the bank was forced to the wall."

"I have received letters from depositors and stockholders of the bank and from prominent men all over the country, urging me to pardon Sattley. His wife is dying in California and he himself is far from well. He has made a model prisoner and has suffered great mental anguish."

BANKERS ARRESTED.

President and Secretary of the Bank of Hutchinson, Kan., in Trouble.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., May 25.—The announcement of the consolidation in Kansas City of the Metropolitan National bank and the National Bank of Commerce was followed here this afternoon by the arrest of President Samuel F. Canterbury and Bookkeeper Maatz of the Bank of Hutchinson, which failed recently, charged with receiving money when the bank was insolvent. The Metropolitan was a large stockholder and principal unsecured creditor of the Bank of Hutchinson.

President Canterbury came here a year ago with backing from the Metropolitan and attributes the failure of his bank to the withholding of promised support by the Metropolitan.

Florence Blythe-Minkler Secures Now. WASHINGTON, May 25.—In the United States supreme court to-day the case of Blythe v. Minkler, involving the estate of the late Millionaire Blythe of California, was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. The effect is to leave the property in the possession of Mrs. Minkler, daughter of the millionaire.

RUSSIA GETS MOST OF IT.

Helps Herself to the Indemnity Greece Is to Pay to Turkey.

LONDON, May 25.—The correspondent of the Times at Constantinople says:

"The powers have instructed their ambassadors to act as their representatives in mediating between Turkey and Greece. A collective note will be handed to the porte forthwith. Palace circles now realize that great maladresse has been displayed on the Turkish side. The question is how to retreat from the present situation without humiliation, and a change of ministry is being discussed as the best way to save appearances."

The correspondent of the Standard at Constantinople says:

"The peace negotiations continue. It is asserted that the amount of indemnity will be reduced to 8,000,000 liras, 2,000,000 to be paid in cash to Turkey and 6,000,000 to be accepted by Russia as part payment of the indemnity owed her by Turkey."

"It is said here that after the suspension of hostilities the Greeks, under pretense of washing their linen, crossed the bridge over to Arta and were attacked by the Turkish commanders, who drove them back after heavy fighting for ten hours."

ATHENS, May 24.—It is again semi-officially asserted that Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, has repeated his statement that peace must be negotiated with him, and is now pressing for the appointment of a Greek plenipotentiary to conduct the settlement of terms.

LONDON, May 24.—The Athens correspondent of the Standard says:

"The government and people are now only anxious for the disarming of the irregulars, and they confidently rely upon General Smolenski to do this as soon as the conditions of peace have been agreed upon. The Greek army is paralyzed, and news comes from Salonica of the dispatch of large Turkish reinforcements to Thessaly."

At Larissa, Trikkala and Karditza the Turks seized corn valued at a million drachmas.

LONDON, May 24.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Graphic from Corfu, it is reported there that Colonel Manos attempted suicide while in jail. He has been sent handcuffed, with his entire staff, to Athens for trial by court-martial.

CANEA, Island of Crete, May 24.—Colonel Staikos, with the last detachment of the Greek expeditionary force, embarked for Greece this morning.

MINISTERS GO SLUMMING.

Good Milwaukee Pastors Carry Water to the Elephant.

Five largely attended religious mass-meetings were held at Milwaukee the other evening at Methodist churches to discuss plans for inaugurating a movement to enforce Sunday laws and improve the moral tone of the community. There were a number of vigorous addresses and a general determination to make a serious effort to suppress vice was shown. That the men interested in the movement were in earnest is certain and Milwaukee is certainly in for a season of slum agitations. The Rev. Walter J. Patton, pastor of Ashbury Methodist Episcopal church, saw the wicked side of city life the previous night. He was accompanied by a brother pastor and a young man about town who acted as guide. The reverend gentleman did not go to bed until early Sunday morning. When asked about his trip he said that he had seen the seamy side of life in Boston and Chicago, but that it did not approach in wickedness what he had seen in Milwaukee. Not only did Dr. Patton and his clerical companion visit disreputable houses, but they also took in gambling houses. The tenderloin district was done to a turn, and the reverend detective declares that he has secured ample evidence that will be used at the proper time. The man who piloted the preachers says that he spent \$30 and the ministers' trip cost them less than \$2 each.

HARD ON PREACHERS.

What Must Be Their Reflections and Retrospections?

The Rev. Arthur Robins, chaplain-in-ordinary to the queen and chaplain to the Prince of Wales and to the household troops, preached on Sunday last his five thousandth sermon in Windsor, says the Spectator, and his parishioners, in celebration of the occasion, presented him with a complete set of clerical robes. We should like to know Mr. Robins' own reflections on his long career of exhortation. Does he look back on it with complacency or with humiliation, or with some mixture of the two emotions? If he has kept anything like a simple and natural mind throughout the fifty years or so during which he has probably been preaching, he must be, as very possibly he is, a man of great force of character, for nothing sooner succumbs to the spirit of routine than the habit of telling "my dear brethren" what they ought to think or feel in relation to their fellow-creatures and their God. Think of the saying that for every idle word you utter you shall be accountable at the day of judgment and consider how many idle and ill-considered words there must generally be in 5,000 sermons. It must be a pathetic, if not a terrible, retrospect. But we may hope that for the great majority of preachers the penance will at least be very lenient. We hope so, or we journalists should probably be left in an even worse predicament than the preachers.

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WORDS FROM SENATOR ALLEN.

He Discusses Many Topics of Interest to Nebraskans.

Last week Senator Allen came home to Nebraska for a two weeks rest. This is his first vacation since last December. He has labored incessantly for the interests of the state and now that he has secured \$200,000 for the exposition and the location of the Indian supply depot he is certainly entitled to a two weeks vacation. In an interview published in the Omaha Bee concerning the Chapman case Senator Allen said: "Yes, Chapman has gone to jail, and there are others likely to follow." "The senatorial investigation into the sugar trust was commenced during the summer of 1894. There was a number of recalcitrant witnesses. Those who were indicted were indicted because of their refusal to answer questions put to them by myself. They were indicted under an old statute of 1857."

"It was necessary, I believe, for congress to take such action to protect itself. If it did not establish some precedent in such cases dangerous inroads might be made into its work, and its investigations seriously interrupted. This is why Chapman has been sent to jail. The others who have been indicted for their refusal to answer questions concerning the relations of United States senators and the sugar market are: Henry Havemeyer, Theodore Havemeyer (who has died since), John E. Searles and a couple of newspaper men whose names I do not recall. These men ought to be punished in a similar manner. Congress can not afford to do anything else. It was with this view of the matter that I introduced a resolution demanding an apology from Chapman to the senate for his refusal to answer questions before he should be released. I feel quite well satisfied with the progress that has been made in this case, and I believe that satisfactory results will be obtained from the other cases."

Speaking of Cuban matters, Senator Allen said: "I had the honor of introducing the first resolution looking toward the liberation of Cuba in the senate. Since that time the enthusiasm in favor of Cuban independence has grown among the people of all classes. The sole objection to this nation recognizing the Cuban republic is the cold commercialism that sets cent per cent above humanity."

"I know it to be a fact that the reported brutalities in Cuba are correct. It is beyond the power of pen to exaggerate the conditions of that unhappy island. The consular reports show that the commercial interests demand that this nation remain silent within sound of the weeping and wailing of debauched women and starving children. Last Sunday afternoon in Washington there was a Cuban mass meeting at the Columbia theatre. Five thousand people crowded it to suffocation, and every sentiment in favor of the recognition of the Cuban republic or United States intervention to put an end to the brutalities in that island were cheered to the echo. I was honored by being asked to address that magnificent audience, and I told them that I thanked God from the bottom of my heart that I came from a state where patriotism counts more than money."

THEY ARE TONGUE-TIED. "When I introduced the first Cuban resolution in the senate one of its members, who is now a cabinet officer, uttered words that brought tears to the eyes of his hearers. He is silent now, because his tongue is bridled by the cold commercialism of a few cities along the Atlantic coast. Spain has granted some valuable concessions to Americans in Cuba and elsewhere, and Americans hold a large amount of Spanish bonds. This class of Americans is blocking the way to a just treatment of the Cuban patriots. The president's message may be an opening wedge. When it comes to distribute the supplies sent from this country it will be difficult to draw the line between an American citizen and an insurgent, and the moment an insurgent succeeds there will be another international complication."

"I do not wish my position to be misunderstood. I have been and will be for the independence of Cuba. I told that Washington audience last Sunday that I would like to see the time when the Spanish monarchy and the Ottoman empire would be wiped from the face of the earth. That certainly explains my attitude in this Cuban matter. I believe in the recognition of the Cuban republic. I favor the Morgan resolution, and believe that it will be adopted in a very short time. The adoption of that resolution will weaken Spanish credit, already greatly impaired, and to that extent aid the Cuban patriots as well as benefiting them by recognition of their belligerency. We ought, without further loss of time, drop all issues and join in demanding at the hands of the government a just recognition of Cuba."

BLISS HAS NO ALTERNATIVE.

"How great authority to carry out the provisions of the Indian supply depot law is granted Secretary Bliss of the Interior? The bill authorizing the establishment of an Indian supply depot at Omaha some time within the next twelve months is mandatory in its effect. The secretary of the interior must establish such a depot here within a year. The exact time was left to his discretion. The bill reads, 'an Indian supply depot from which supplies may be sent out.' It does not require the secretary of the interior to send out supplies from here at all. The full benefits of the bill will have to come from future work. The passage of this bill gives us a footing, a sort of toe hold on the ground. Now we will be able to work along from that. I have not yet called on Secretary Bliss regarding the establishing of the depot here and the question of sending out supplies from here, but shall do so soon after I return to Washington. I desired to wait awhile until the excitement of the passage of the bill had subsided. I shall endeavor to have the depot put in to operation here at an early date."

PLEASED WITH THE EXPOSITION.

In reply to a query concerning exposition matters Senator Allen said: "The sundry civil bill, to which is attached the appropriation for the exposition, will be passed within a week or so. It will probably be pushed right along on the return of Senator Allen from Iowa. The \$200,000 will become available on July 1. I am well pleased with the progress the exposition is making, and hope that matters may be pushed along rapidly from now on, so that it is most essential that we shall be able to make a good showing to our friends in Washington of the work actually accomplished."

Lost Control of Her Nerves.

A HELPLESS, PAINFUL CONDITION.

From the Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn. It is said that the present generation is living in an era of nervousness. Some attribute the cause to the climate of our country; if there is any atmospheric effect it certainly is the least of the causes that produce nervousness. The great freedom enjoyed by the American people is in a large measure to blame for the high strung condition of our nerves. There is a rustle and hustle on every hand. There are excursions long journeys and picnics. We work days and plan during the nights, and in our hurry we bolt our food, sleep with irregularity, with seldom a thought of our nerves.



MRS. B. H. GUISE.

Mrs. B. H. Guise, of 410 Central Avenue, East Minneapolis, had the misfortune to suffer constantly from nervousness, and her trouble was aggravated by want of sleep. Night after night of sleeplessness had created a worn out condition and she sometimes would jerk and jump unconsciously.

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THE MAXIMUM RATE CASE.

Will not be Decided Until the October Term of the Supreme Court.

It had been reported and generally believed that the United States supreme court would hand down its decision in the Nebraska maximum rate case on Monday of this week, but the court has adjourned without doing so. There were many other important cases decided but for some unknown reason the Nebraska case was passed over. There are some who believe that the publication of the decision of the court in advance of its official announcement may have had something to do with the delay. Those in the best position to know, aside from the members of the court, state that the decision has been reached and that it is in favor of the rail road companies. It cannot be decided until the second Monday in October as that is the first date at which the court hands down another lot of decisions.

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