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BIG TELEPHONE TRUST WILL BE DISSOLVED

Attorney General of the United States Makes an Important Announcement--Big Interests Have Arrived at the Conclusion That It is Better to Follow the Sherman Anti-Trust Law Than to Fight It--What the Agreement Provides for

Washington, Dec. 19.—Attorney General McReynolds tonight made public the details of the agreement for the re-organization of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company—"The Telephone Trust"—which will prevent litigation under the anti-trust act and under which competitive conditions will be restored in the telephone service of the entire country. The combine will dispose of its holdings in the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The re-organization plan originated with the company, although it followed many reports that a suit against it might be filed. It was regarded by department of justice officials tonight as the most striking indication offered in a decade that "big business" has come to the conclusion that it is better to follow the Sherman law than fight it.

The plan met not only the approval of the attorney general and his chief "trust buster," G. C. Toss, and officials of the subsidiaries of the combine, but was heartily approved by President Wilson. In a letter to Mr. McReynolds the President expressed his admiration for the attitude of the telephone company, and his conviction that such conduct on the part of business meant a building up a business on sound and permanent lines.

Coming on the heels of the announcement that Postmaster General Burleson is seriously interested in government ownership of telephone lines, the action of the department of justice took on an added significance and some officials went so far as to express the opinion that it indicated that legislation to acquire the country's telephone business would not be pressed by the administration at the present session.

In brief, the agreement provides that:

TERMS OF SURRENDER.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company will dispose promptly of its holdings in the Western Union Telegraph Company so that each concern shall be under distinct management, and so that all shall be entirely independent.

The company will not hereafter acquire control of other telephone companies, and where control of telephone companies has been acquired but no actual union has been effected the American Telephone & Telegraph Company will submit the course it is to pursue to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to the department of justice.

The company will promptly make arrangements by which all other telephone companies in the United States shall have access to its toll lines.

Department officials tonight declared that the plan gave the government everything, and more, than it could have hoped to obtain in court. Officials were particularly pleased with the last part of the agreement, by which the Bell Company gives long distance service to subscribers of other companies, and did not deny that they never had hoped to gain such a point by suit under the anti-trust act.

The agreement will not affect the suit entered several months ago to dissolve the connection of the Bell Company with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, the coast branch. This suit will be pressed by the department to determine how far the Sherman anti-trust act applies to telephone companies.

CONTERFEITERS ROUNDED UP

Big Gang Taken Into Custody in the Province of Quebec

Had a Complete Outfit for Producing United States Ten Dollar Gold Certificates

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Early today, the largest gang of counterfeiters ever arrested in this part of the country was taken into custody in a farm house five miles from the village of Lavaltrie. They were rounded up by Dominion and provincial police, led by Inspector Parkinson and Chief McCaskill.

Five men were taken into custody in the farm house where the plant was located, while the sixth member of the gang was arrested here by Detective Lapointe, who was sent in from Joliette by Chief McCaskill.

The men who were caught at the farm house and taken to the jail at Joliette were Bartholome Caron, Frederick Eaton, Edouard Pariseau, Phillip Bousquet and Eugene Gagne. The man arrested here was Alfred Grenier, an engraver in the employ of The Herald Publishing Company.

Besides the arrest of the six men, the police claim to have seized a most elaborate counterfeiting plant, including a printing press, plates, specially prepared paper and everything necessary for the counterfeiting of \$10 gold certificates.

Chief McCaskill stated tonight that the farm house where the gang operated was filled up like an arsenal. Shot guns and revolvers with plenty of ammunition were found and the gang evidently intended to put up a battle had they not been taken by surprise.

It was before dawn when the police reached the house. They smashed down the door and rushed into the house with drawn revolvers and were upon the counterfeiters almost before one of them could make a move to get out of bed.

Confronted by revolvers in the hands of the police the counterfeiters became convinced that it would be useless to show fight. Every weapon in the house was seized and the five men were forced to dress.

The printing press, plates, paper and all the outfit found in the house, as well as the guns and revolvers belonging to the gang, was loaded into a farmer's wagon and taken to Lavaltrie to be shipped to Joliette, where it will be used as evidence against them when they are arraigned in court tomorrow.

It is not believed that any of the counterfeit certificates had been placed in circulation, as the output of the plant, amounting to about six hundred bills, was found in the shack. It is also said that the gang's reason for counterfeiting United States money was that there would be less likelihood of early detection.

PROMINENT FAMILIES UNITED

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—At noon today, in the church of the Holy Spirit, in Mattapan, took place the wedding of Miss Frances Saltonstall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Saltonstall and member of one of New England's oldest families, and George von L. Meyer, Jr., son of the former secretary of the Navy and Mrs. George von L. Meyer. Bishop Lawrence officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Endicott Peabody and Rev. Allen Taylor.

PRINCE GEORGE'S ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY

London, Dec. 20.—The eleventh birthday anniversary of Prince George was celebrated at Windsor today in accordance with official custom. The bells of the parish church were rung, and a salute of twenty one guns was fired in the Long Walk, Wind or Great Park.

STOCK MARKET IS BUOYANT

American Telephone Led the Market in a Sharp Price Advance

Cheerful Financial News From Washington Sends the Big Issues Bounding Upwards

New York, Dec. 20.—The financial news this morning is decidedly cheerful. The currency bill amend to conform more closely to the ideas of conservative banking interests, has passed the senate and will become a law within the next few days. While it will be some time before the new system can be set to work, the sentimental effect is likely to be decidedly stimulating to business interests. With this information also comes the information that the American Telephone Western Union Combination will be voluntarily dissolved upon lines approved by the attorney general and with this announcement comes reassuring statements from President Wilson and Mr. Reynolds regarding the anti-trust policy of the administration. If it should so happen that the rumors regarding the permitting of higher railroad freight rates are true, the bulls would be well fortified with favorable developments to justify a campaign for at least a fair recovery. The market as a whole appears to be well motivated and for the time being at least the probability is all for improving prices.

(Quotations by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers & Brokers, St. John, N.B.)

	Open	Close
Copper	71½	71½
Smelters	62½	62½
Brooklyn	87½	87½
C.P.R.	217½	218½
Great Northern	126½	126½
Northern Pacific	108½	108½
Pennsylvania	108½	108½
Reading	164½	164½
Union Pacific	154½	155½
U.S. Steel	58½	58½

Sales to noon, 237,000 shares.

VISIT OF SANTA CLAUS TO WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 20.—Placards on the floor of the Stock Exchange today reminded the brokers of the time honored Christmas fund of the exchange for its employees. This has been a year of exceedingly poor business, and Stock Exchange seats are selling at their lowest in years, but the brokers are a generous lot and the contributions to be divided among the exchange employees probably will not fall far short of the average in recent years.

The poor business of the year will be reflected more in the Christmas bonuses given by the brokerage houses to their own employees. Scarcely any of the large houses will end the year clear, though many of them are making a desperate effort to do so by closing their branch offices, cutting down their private wire systems and taking other steps to curtail their expenses. One of the largest houses, which for years has made it a practice to give to its employees amounts varying from 25 to 50 per cent of their yearly salaries at Christmas time, has let it be known that none of its men need expect to find more than \$100 in his stocking this year.

TO LAUNCH THREE SUBMARINES

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 19.—Preparations are being made for a triple launching here tomorrow, when three submarine boats building at the yards of the Ford River Shipbuilding Company for the United States Navy are to be given their maiden dip. The boats will be treated to the customary champagne christening.

WILL INVESTIGATE LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

An Exhaustive Official Enquiry Will be Begun at Washington on January 7--The United States Government Has 48,881 Miles of Sea Coast Line Under Its Exclusive Jurisdiction--Light House Service the Most Extensive in the World

Washington, D.C., Dec. 20.—For the first time since the establishment of the United States Light House Service the efficiency and management of the service are about to be made the subject of an exhaustive official investigation. Secretary Redfield has fixed January 7 as the date for beginning an exhaustive inquiry into the entire working of the service. The investigation is the result of general charges against the light house service as a whole and a specific charge that the government has been paying too much for a certain type of acetylene buoy it has been using at many points.

In respect to territory covered and aid maintained, the light house service of the United States is much the most extensive service of its kind in the world. The sea coast line under the jurisdiction of the United States is 48,881 statute miles, measured in three-mile steps. The general government provides light houses and other aids to navigation along all this coast, with the exception of the Philippine Islands, 11,511 miles, and Panama, where the marking of the coasts is maintained by the local governments.

In addition, the United States provides lights along the American shores of the Great Lakes, 4,029 miles and on interior and coastal rivers, 5,478 miles.

The United States thus maintains lights and other aids to navigation along 46,828 miles of coast line and river channels, a length equal to nearly twice the circumference of the earth. In this distance it has 12,824 aids to navigation of all classes, sufficient to place one every two miles around the equator.

The light house service is carried on through an organization of nineteen districts, under a central office in this city. Each district is in charge of a light house inspector and has a local office and one or more supply depots and light house tenders. In all, there are forty-six of these small vessels which carry the supplies to the stations and place and maintain the buoys and light vessels.

About 5,500 men are required for the light house work, of whom about 200 are in the executive, engineering

and clerical force; about 1,700 are keepers of lights and depots; 1,570 care for post lights; 1,500 are on vessels, and about 500 are in the construction and repair force.

The entire personnel is under the civil service rules, and appointments and promotions are on a strictly merit system. This is of great importance for the maintenance of good organization and rigid discipline in a purely technical service, on the efficient conduct of which is dependent the safety of all the lives and all the property carried on the seas and the navigable waters of this country.

The annual maintenance cost of the entire service is close to \$5,000,000, and, in addition, in recent years, there has been expended \$1,000,000 a year on new light house works and vessels.

At all important light stations there are from two to five keepers, who maintain a continuous watch of the light at night and of the approach of fog at all times. At less important stations there is but one keeper, and sometimes a single keeper care for several lights.

For New York Harbor and immediate approaches alone 268 aids to navigation are required including 45 shore lights, 2 light vessels and 36 lighted buoys; there are 192 buoys of all classes and 87 signals, including sounding buoys.

The electric light at Navesink, on the Highlands just south of New York Harbor, is the most powerful coast light in the United States. This light shows each five seconds a flash of one-tenth second duration, estimated at 60,000,000 candle power. Although on account of the curvature of the earth the light cannot be seen more than 22 miles, its beam has been reported to have been observed in the sky at a distance of 70 nautical miles.

It is important that lights be so distinguished from each other as to avoid the possibility of the mariner mistaking one for another. To this end lights are distinguished by their number, color, intensity or time of visibility. With the system now available of flashing and occulting lights it is possible to obtain a great variety of clearly distinguishable characteristics.

THINK MURDERER HAS FLED TO CANADA

London, Dec. 19.—The eyes of Britain are today turned upon a world search for a murderer, the magnitude of the wireless net rivaling if not outstretching that thrown out in the attempt to capture the famous Dr. Crippen.

The man wanted is George Sumner, whom the police believe to be the man who brutally murdered Miss Christie Bradfield, aged thirty-eight years, manager in the office of her beither, a big Liverpool manufacturer. The body, which was terribly mutilated, was after death wrapped tightly in a sack, wheeled through the busiest streets of the city in a wheelbarrow and finally dumped callously into the canal.

The latest clues obtained by the police point to Canada as the murderer's objective and wireless and cable warnings have been sent to Halifax, St. John, Quebec and Montreal police authorities to keep a sharp lookout for Sumner.

Practically every ship sailing from Britain at the time of the crime has been wirelessly with a full description of the man wanted, with an urgent request for a close scrutiny of all passengers and the instant apprehension of Sumner if he is located, no matter at what cost.

The cold blooded nature of the crime with the outburst of public indignation that such a crime could be committed and the perpetrator escape from Britain, has roused in the minds of the public authorities

FIFTY-TWO YEARS A PRIEST

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.—A number of congratulatory messages were sent in this city today to remind received at the archiepiscopal residence of the fifty-second anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The Archbishop was ordained December 21, 1861. With three exceptions he is the oldest member in point of service of the hierarchy in the United States.

Miss Mabel Sterling is among the holiday visitors and will spend Christmas here at her old home. Mrs. Jouett has returned to St. John accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Steadman, who will spend the winter there.

the determination to extend their search to the ends of the earth until the man is captured and tried.

Scotland Yard officers have been placed on the trail and are said to hold the belief that the murderer took ship for a Canadian port within twenty-four hours of the commission of the crime. It is understood that Scotland Yard representatives will be rushed to Canadian ports to trail every passenger who may bear the slightest resemblance to Sumner.

The world wide pursuit of this man bids fair to create a record for thoroughness and the extent of territory covered and for the cost of such a search, which will run into many thousands of pounds sterling.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY IN CHURCHES OF CITY

In several churches of the city special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir and organists. In others the special music will be heard upon Thursday next, Christmas Day, at the regular Christmas services.

The programs announced for tomorrow are as follows:

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.
Organist, Miss Helen Mercereau.

Morning Service.

Anthem, "Awake, Put on Thy Strength, O Zion," solo by Mr. F. L. Cooper.
Carol, "On Christmas Morn."
Carol, "Sweet Christmas Bells."

Evening Service.

Carol, "Silent Night."
Solo, "Sleep Holy Babe, Mrs. F. A. Good.
Anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," solo by Mrs. F. A. Good.

GEORGE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.

Organist, Edward Callwallader.
Morning Service.

Hymn 334.
Offertory, Guilmant.
Hymn 85.
Anthem, "We Have Seen His Star in the East."
Hymn 31.

Evening Service.

Hymn 155.
Solo, "The Birthday of the King" by Neidlinger.
Mr. C. H. Holder.
Offertory, Pastorate, Chadwick.
Anthem, "There Were Shepherds,"

Miss Merritt.
Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Cadwallader.
Hymn, 74.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Organist, F. W. Harrison.

Morning Service.

At the morning service the regular choir will be supplemented by a children's choir of fifty voices, placed in the front gallery. The two choirs will sing Christmas carols antiphonally. The anthems will be:
"Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings," Churchill.
"Star of the Orient," Shelly.
Soloist, Miss Winter.

Evening Service.

The usual Christmas hymns.
Anthems:
"Glory to God in the Highest," Pergolosi.
"And There Were Shepherds," Black Organ Postlude, "Allegro Vivace," from Mendelssohn's Sonata in F. minor.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.
Organist, Miss Everett.

Morning Service.

Carol, "Poising on the Golden Wing," Knight. Solo in carol by Mrs. Harold Walker.
Male quartette, "Glory to God in the Highest," Messrs. Mitchell, Edney, McDonald and Stiles.

Evening Service.

Carol, "Sweeter Than Song of Suen (Continued on page five.)