

TRUSTS IN THE PHONES SOUGHT Letters Sent to Find Attitude in Other States.

REPLIES ARE AWAITED Department of Justice Then Will Be Memorialized for Action on Disputed Point.

By pamphlets mailed Friday to public service commissions of all the states of the Union, the Oregon public service commission took the initiative in seeking to have the United States department of justice obtain an interpretation by the United States supreme court of the Clayton anti-trust act as it relates to telephone and telegraph companies.

It is contended by the Oregon commission that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, a subsidiary of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, is a common carrier and subject to section 10 of the Clayton act, and that application of this section of the act would reduce the rate base costs. The telephone company holds it is not a common carrier.

Answers Are Awaited. The public service commissions of the various states have been requested in letters accompanying the pamphlets to notify Newton McCoy, chairman of the Oregon commission, concerning their attitude toward the action proposed by the Oregon body. When these answers are received the Oregon commission will memorialize the United States department of justice for action on the point under dispute, it is announced.

"The public service commission of Oregon is now undertaking for the fourth time since 1917 a state-wide regulation of telephone rates to be charged by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company," the statement to commissions of other states said.

Patronage Declined Reduced. "This public utility company has had the same history in this state that it has passed through in other states, except that greater vigor of public opinion in Oregon has diminished markedly below normal patronage. This diminution we construe as an emergency which requires our most serious efforts to avert before the value of the service to the community shall be further lessened.

Confidence Held Lacking. "It is our opinion that section 10 of the Clayton anti-trust law, if applied to the telephone utility as a common carrier, would, to a large extent, solve our difficulty in the future. This law, if applied, although not affording the entire relief and reduction in rate base costs, will at least establish confidence now lacking by the public. "We have given some study to this subject and consulted with Commissioner Campbell of the interstate commerce commission, who passed through Oregon recently, and were advised by Mr. Campbell to present the case to the attorney general of the United States in order to ascertain whether or not his department would undertake a prosecution if a full presentation of the facts were made by the interstate commerce commission.

Enforcement Is Sought. "We are sending you this preliminary statement in order to enlist your interest and cooperation in the matter of securing the enforcement of section 10 of the Clayton anti-trust law. In order to move fully advise you of the problem, as we look upon it, we make to you the following statement of our research up to date, showing the present status thereof to-wit: "Section 10 of the Clayton law, in brief, provides as follows: "No common carrier engaged in commerce shall have any dealing... or shall make or have any contract for construction or maintenance of any kind to the amount of more than \$5000 in the aggregate, in any one year, with another corporation—when the said common carrier shall have upon its board of directors or as its president, general manager, or as its purchasing or selling officer, or agent, in the particular transaction, any person who is at the same time a director, manager, or purchasing or selling officer of or who has any substantial interest in such other corporation... by competitive bidding under regulation to be prescribed by rule or otherwise by the interstate commerce commission... shall, after investigation or hearing, have reason to believe that the law has been violated... It shall transmit all papers and documents and its own views or findings regarding the transaction, to the attorney general."

Correspondence Is Cited. The commission then, in correspondence with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in which the telephone company denied that it is subject to section 10 of the Clayton act and its relations with the Western Electric company constitute a violation of this section of the act. "This commission takes the position, the statement continued, "that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is a common carrier, under the scope and meaning of section 10, Clayton anti-trust law; and that the violation of this law occurs by reason of the following relationships: "The American Telephone & Telegraph company owns upwards of 75 per cent of the capital stock of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and exercises its control through the election of directors to serve the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, two of whom are also officers or directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph company. "That the American Telephone & Telegraph company also owns practically all of the stock of the Western Electric company and exercises control of same through the election of the directors of that company and through the existence of a patent pool controlled by the

American Telephone & Telegraph company. "That through such controlled relation, the American Telephone & Telegraph company caused the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company by contract to appoint as its purchasing agent the Western Electric company, or a like named corporation of California, all of whose capital stock is owned by the American Telephone & Telegraph company, whereby the Western Electric company has become, substantially, a department of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, and through this relation exercises the unlawful condition in a common carrier, namely, of purchasing and selling agent of both the Western Electric company and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, as well as the American Telephone & Telegraph company. "That all of the officers, most of the directors and practically all of the employees in responsible charge of the conduct of the business of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are stockholders of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, and, with the exception of the directors and some of the officers, are not stockholders of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and these Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company employees and officer-stockholders of the American Telephone & Telegraph company act through the subsidiary instrument offered by the American Telephone & Telegraph company in the form of dividends and stock preferences which tend to render the interest of such persons inimical to the interest of the public. "A perusal of the decisions of courts in connection with the question as to whether or not the telephone utility is a common carrier

BREWER KILLS HIMSELF

WILLIAM J. LEMP SUICIDE IN ST. LOUIS.

Small Sum Received for Big Plant Declared to Have Depressed President of Company.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—William J. Lemp, 54, president of the William J. Lemp Brewing company, committed suicide today by shooting himself twice through the heart in the office of the brewery in the southern section of the city. It was the third suicide in the family of famous brewers, his father and a sister having taken their own lives. The William J. Lemp Brewing company, just before the advent of prohibition, was considered one of the largest brewing companies in the world. It covered a 14-acre triangular tract in the southern section of the city and was valued at \$7,000,000. It was sold at auction last June to five different interests for a total of \$555,000. Lemp had been depressed since it was sold. He had hoped to get a much larger price for the property. Lemp appeared at his office at 9 A. M. today as usual. It was stated, and shortly thereafter Henry Vohlkamp, vice-president, arrived and greeted Lemp. "Well, how do you feel today?" "Oh, I'm feeling worse," Vohlkamp said Lemp replied. Vohlkamp stated Lemp had been extremely nervous for the past several months. Although his face was flushed, Vohlkamp said he tried to cheer him by saying "you look better," but Lemp would not be consoled, replying only "I'm feeling worse." Vohlkamp said that he then went to his office as Lemp's secretary, Miss Olivia Berschek, arrived, believing the spell of melancholia would wear off. Miss Berschek explained Lemp dismissed her presently on pretext of an errand to the company's architect in another part of the building. She had gone only a short way, she added, when she heard two shots.

reaction new troops are training daily at Saloniki and other Macedonian cities. Meanwhile, despite the fact that Greece has scant funds to pay for anything, allied business representatives at Athens are said to be doing a brisk trade. The sudden business boom here is being carried out through credits and the most liberal credits are being offered in cases where supplies are purchased in England and France. Simultaneously the whole tone in government and diplomatic circles here is changing. A few weeks ago it was peace at any price. But today there is a strangely confident note as the Greek's voice: "We believe in the future. The world breaks down. Perhaps it would be more to our advantage if it should collapse. We have a strong army—we could march right through eastern Thrace to Constantinople." The Greeks today believe this. But they would never have thought of the idea themselves if allied diplomats had not suggested it. The facts of the case are that England and France, having found the Turks stronger at the conference table than they wished, are getting ready for another war, with Greece doing the fighting, providing she is not completely crushed. The Greek government cannot be reached at Lausanne.

STATE CAFE IS OPPOSED

RESTAURANT MEN IN SALEM THREATEN SUIT.

Salem, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Salem restaurant operators today employed attorneys preparatory to starting proceedings in the courts to restrain the secretary of state from installing a restaurant in the basement of the capitol building during the next session of the legislature. It was said tonight that the restaurant proprietors first notified the secretary of state of their contemplated action and if he refused to meet with their demands the suit will be filed in the circuit court. Although refusing to issue any statement tonight, the secretary of state apparently is fortified against any action on the part of the restaurant men. A resolution adopted by both branches of the legislature at the 1919 session. This resolution, as approved by the lawmakers, required the secretary of state to install the restaurant for the convenience of the legislators and the legislative employees. The restaurant was installed prior to the 1921 session of the lawmakers. It operates only during the legislative sessions. The restaurant authorized by the lawmakers, required as a concession and without cost to the state.

CAPTAIN MILNE RALLIES

Blood Transfusion Gives World War Hero Chance for Life.

Improvement in the condition of Captain Jack Milne, ex-captain in the 51st division and a wearer of the distinguished service cross, following a blood transfusion at the United States hospital here Friday, it was announced. A call issued by Over-the-Top post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for an able-bodied man to give his blood to stem the ebb tide which was about to carry away the captain's life met with success. Many volunteers appeared, and one, whose blood count was near that of the patient, was selected.

WAR IN NEAR EAST LIKELY

BRITAIN AND FRANCE SAID TO BE AIDING GREECE.

Hellenes Will Do Fighting on Supplies Furnished by Allies, Correspondent Declares. BY OTIS SWIFT. (Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Copyright, 1922, by the Chicago Tribune.) ATHENS, Dec. 29.—The Greek army, with 130,000 men under arms in Macedonia and western Thrace, may again become a factor in the near east situation if the Lausanne conference fails. Faced with intractability by the Turks at the conference, both London and Paris have hinted strongly to Greece that were its army in good fighting shape if the Lausanne parley broke down Athens might obtain powerful aid in a war against Turkey. Following these hints, Greek advisers Greece has concentrated all its efforts, reinforcing and equipping units with which to hold the Maritza front. Today Minister of War General Pangalos took personal command of the Thracian forces. Under his di-

DRAMA FETE LAUNCHED

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY PRESENTS TWO PLAYS.

Splendid Episodes of Series Are Given Before Large Audiences With Elaborate Detail.

The initial performance of what promises to be a festival of splendid dramatic episodes was given last evening by the drama section of the Arts and Crafts society. This is a newly established department and the reception of its premier productions Friday at a matinee and at night, in the women's club building, augurs well for subsequent productions. Enthusiastic audiences attended both performances and the proceeds from the matinee performance will be applied to a fund for further work in this department. The Arts and Crafts society executed the scenery and costumes for one of the interesting pieces, "Abraham and Isaac," a 15th century miracle play. The cast included Eugene Horton, an excellent character artist, in the role of the patriarch Abraham; Phyllis Muirhead, who gave an exquisite portrayal of the child Isaac; Louise Linton, as the angel, and Otto Wedemeyer, who gave dramatic fire and color to the voice which spoke to Abraham. A man's chorus added a delightful note. Garbed in their ducal-colored robes, the octet, carrying lighted tapers, walked along the aisle and in the balcony singing lovely Christmas carols. They sang also a beautiful processionary song by Dent Mowrey. The chorus consisted of J. Ross Fargo, P. J. Chomson, A. E. Houghton, H. G. Anderson, Ernest Morgan, N. B. Stone, A. E. Davidson and G. H. Cramer. The premier production was a quaint and picturesque pantomime entitled "The Shepherd in the Distance," in which the original and effective costuming by Herman Rossi and the unusual and unique musical interpretation with which Dent Mowrey accompanied the pantomime proved memorable and most enjoyable. The pantomime was cleverly enacted by students of the Portland art museum with the following cast: The Maker of Sounds, Dent Mowrey; The Nubian, Alex L. Muirhead; The Princess, Margaret Wecker; Attendant, Letta Kennedy; Slaves, Marjorie Larson, Agnes Schultz; The Visier, Elizabeth Walker; The Waxir, Florence Hansen; The Shepherd, Betty Smith; The Goat, Edgar Eohlin; Ghurri-Wurri, John Reischer.

NORTHERN PACIFIC logo and text: Dependable Train Service Between Portland Tacoma Seattle All-Steel Electric Lighted Trains

Two Daily Each Way Nos. 401, 402, 407, 408 All operating via The Scenic Point Defiance Line Convenient Morning and Evening Departures Dining and Observation Cars on Trains 407-408 Northern Pacific Ry. A. D. Charlton, Gen. Pass. Agt. 531 Northwestern Bank Bldg. Phone Br'dway 5760, Portland

CAT-N-FIDDLE logo and text: The Management of the CAT-N-FIDDLE will introduce to their friends and the general public their regular Sunday Dinner for \$1.25 from 12 A. M. to 3 P. M. and on NEW YEAR'S DAY from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M. Park at Alder. Two Entrances.

OLD SECRET IS LET OUT Killing of Family Pet by Youth Is Finally Discovered. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A secret guarded for 20 years by Tom Kemp, deputy sheriff, is now public property and all because women can't keep a secret, Kemp avers.

The Oregon State COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC Sixth and Oak Sts. Portland, Oregon The Best in the Northwest Feeling Fine

Calef Bros. Annual Clearance Sale

Includes the newest and best in the store, not just odd pieces and close-out suites (Contract goods are always excepted).



Very Handsome High-Grade, Two-Tone Walnut Bedroom Suites All Sold in Suites or Separately \$110.50 Dresser \$ 85.50 \$19.00 Bench \$15.00 \$135.00 Full Vanity \$105.00 \$19.00 Chair \$15.00 \$ 92.00 Chiffonette \$ 71.00 \$20.00 Rocker \$16.00 \$ 87.00 Bowfoot Bed \$ 67.00 \$22.50 D. D. Spring \$14.75 \$128.50 Five-piece Ivory Enamel Chamber Suite, hard-wood—special at \$71.00

Beautiful Solid Walnut Top Period Dining Tables Our very newest and best are offered at the following reductions. You must come and see them to appreciate. \$90.00 Table for \$67.50 \$72.00 Table for \$54.00 \$82.00 Table for \$62.00 \$64.00 Table for \$48.00 \$77.00 Table for \$59.75 \$56.50 Table for \$42.60

Beautiful Two-Tone Walnut and Mahogany Living-Room Tables at Jobbing Prices Come and see the values for your own satisfaction. DAVENPORT TABLES \$27.50 Value for \$19.95 \$64.00 Value for \$48.00 \$29.50 Value for \$22.50 \$62.00 Value for \$46.00 \$42.00 Value for \$30.50 Drapeleaf Extension, \$50 \$44.00 Value for \$32.00 value for \$38.00

COMBINATION RANGES ARE CHEAP AT CALEF BROS. Think of it—a double oven and broiler with four gas burners and four lids for wood; white porcelain and nickel trimmed; all set up and connected with \$115.00 coil in for only

Calef Bros. HOME FURNISHERS 68-70-FIFTH ST. PORTLAND, ORE.

A Sensible New Year Resolution DR. B. E. WRIGHT

"Resolved, that I will never neglect my teeth, as without them I am poor indeed"

If you will make this resolution and live up to it you then have made a forward step that you will never regret. At this office you will receive unexcelled dental service at moderate prices.

X-Ray Examination When Necessary Dr. B. E. WRIGHT Northwest Corner Sixth and Washington Streets, Ent. 327 1/2 Wash. Phone B'dway 7219, Raleigh Bldg. Office Hours 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. Sunday 10 to 12 A. M. Open Evenings by Appointment. Consultation Free.

CAUTION Wrappers of the New Year's Edition of The Morning Oregonian issued MONDAY, JAN. 1, will bear this label: NEW YEAR'S EDITION Morning Oregonian Portland, Oregon Price will be 6 cents a copy; postage, 6 cents in the United States and possessions. All other foreign postage will be 12 cents.

Mathis MEN'S WEAR Fifth at Morrison Wishing our patrons and friends a Prosperous New Year Selling Building G. CRAMER CO. New Year Greetings to Our Friends, Patrons, Students and Prospects.

The Harvard Classics Prof. Elliot's five-foot book shelf, complete \$50.00 in 50 volumes. Encyclopaedia Britannica, eleventh (latest) edition, flexible bind \$85.00 in 29 volumes. We have a large selection at right prices. The A. W. Schmale Book Shop 290 Morrison St., Corbett Bldg., Ground Floor. Open Evenings.