

PASTOR'S SACRIFICE REVEALED BY SUIT

Dr. Hillis Meets Last Notes of \$100,000 Debt Taken to Help Out Nephews.

TIMBER COMPANY FAILS

Lecture Platform, Sermons and Writings Earn Money to Meet Obligation Voluntarily Assumed and Sacrifice Lasts Years.

When Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, prominent Congregational pastor of Brooklyn, N. Y., and quite as famous as a lecturer and author, was sued yesterday in the Multnomah County Court for personal promissory notes aggregating more than \$12,000, the first revelation of a great sacrifice was made.

The notes represent the ragged edges of a voluntary responsibility totaling more than \$100,000 which Dr. Hillis assumed in 1911, when two nephews, whom he had helped to establish in the timber business, failed and they were unable to meet their liabilities in British Columbia.

Money in Bank for Notes.

By a life of sacrifice for himself and family Dr. Hillis has since 1911 paid "considerably over \$50,000" of his nephews' indebtedness, and yesterday as soon as the suits were filed, through his attorney, C. W. Fulton, of Portland, Dr. Hillis, who has long been a personal friend of ex-Senator Fulton, arranged to place the required sum in a Portland bank for payment. The arrangement practically precluded any further extension of the suits. One of the notes is for \$9000, which was due July 1, and a note for \$3008.97, due December 31, 1914. The notes were in favor of Brayton & Lawbaugh, a Chicago timber firm.

The suits revealed reasons for Dr. Hillis' having taken so assiduously to the lecture platform, and explained the almost marvelous continuity of his literary output in the last four or five years.

Sermons Help Pay Debt.

Every dollar thus earned and much that he earned in his preaching in Brooklyn has gone to pay this indebtedness of more than \$100,000, which Dr. Hillis, personally, was not responsible for, but which he voluntarily assumed because it was he who had introduced his nephews into business circles, and because he was a minor stockholder in the failed timber firm.

Nine years ago, Dr. Hillis admitted last night, when pressed, for an explanation, two of his nephews, whose names he is withholding for the same laudable reason that he assumed the responsibility, organized the W. P. Hillis Company in timber lands in British Columbia, Canada.

Dr. Hillis, interested in making his nephews' undertaking as promising as possible from the start, introduced them into business circles and especially to a firm of British Columbia bankers, who handled the paper of the concern.

Block of Stock Taken.

Dr. Hillis himself took a small block of stock to sustain the faith in the undertaking. When the crash came in 1911, Dr. Hillis, who has always been prosperous, but who has always given freely to charity and public benefits, was himself unable to pay off the entire burden.

"I felt the responsibility because I had introduced my nephews into business circles," said Dr. Hillis last night at the Benson. "Any gentleman would have done as I did. My nephews had put everything they had into the business. Their all was gone. I gave what I could marshal of material funds, and asked the creditors to accept my personal note for the balance which was considerably more than \$100,000. They were good enough to accept it."

Sacrifice for Boys Admitted.

"I made restitution as far as possible for the unfortunate turn of business events. I gave my time and energy in helping the boys out. I felt it my duty, as a man, I could not tell about it, but I worked only to that end of paying off the entire sum as soon as possible."

The fact that the two notes which figured in the suit yesterday represented one of the isolated parcels of the indebtedness, and had been held off until some of the larger and more public debts were taken care of, accounts for them being taken into the court.

Asked as to the exact amount he had been able to pay of the entire indebtedness, Dr. Hillis replied:

"I am not sure of the exact sum. But I will say it is considerable more than \$50,000. There is still some to be paid. The notes which are the basis for the suit today represent part of the unpaid. But I have made arrangements to meet them now and of course this will end the suit. I acknowledge them, of course, just as I assumed the debt."

LIBERTY BELL DUE TODAY

(Continued From First Page.)

"Liberty Bell." Each parader will wear a Liberty Bell button.

Parade Moves at 10 o'Clock.

The parade, headed by Grand Marshal H. L. Pittock, will move from Tenth and Yamhill streets promptly at 10 A. M. and proceed east to Broadway, north to Oak, east to Sixth, south to Taylor, east to Fourth, south past the Liberty Bell to Main, west past the reviewing stand to West Park and south to Columbia, and disband.

Mr. Pittock will ride in an automobile, accompanied by Senator Harry Lane, of Oregon; Senator Smith, of Arizona; Colonel James Jackson and John B. Yeon.

Judge C. E. Gantenbein will be chief of staff and will have the following aides, selected from the Portland Hunt Club: A. M. Cronin, Arnold Rothwell, Walter A. Grutter, W. E. Froehner, H. M. Kerron and Eugene Oppenheimer.

Streets where the parade is to proceed will be roped off and no traffic permitted. The parade has been arranged so as not to interfere with streetcar service. Arrangements have been made by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to continue its "rush-hour" service on all lines virtually all morning instead of discontinuing it at the usual time.

Thousands of leaflets will be distributed near the bell by a local committee. The leaflets, in the form of souvenirs, contain a cut of the Bell and general information regarding it and its part in history.

The platform over which the people are to pass to see the Bell at close range has been constructed by the municipal department of public works. It will be decorated with American flags. The bell will be guarded by four six-foot policemen from Philadelphia and four of the tallest policemen

of the Portland bureau. The four local policemen selected are Patrolmen Wade, Hunter, Lewis and Shad. Hunter and Wade are 6 feet 5 1/2 inches; Shad, 6 feet 5 inches, and Lewis 6 feet 4 inches.

Guard of Honor Named.

A guard of honor has been named as follows: General T. M. Anderson, C. H. Thompson, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry C. Cabell, General Charles F. Beebe and Louis G. Clarke. They will be at the depot to greet the Bell when it arrives. The guard of policemen will be at the depot and will remain with the Bell until it leaves.

At the close of the parade the Bell's special car will be taken back to the depot. For this reason all persons wishing to pass over the view platform must do so before the parade arrives at the Bell, which will be about 10:45 A. M.

Many business houses have arranged to give their employees a half holiday. This has been done at the request of Mayor Albee. Other concerns have arranged to give their employees an hour or more off to view the parade and see the Bell. The city will take the lead by letting off all employees not necessary to conduct business. The O.-W. R. & N. Company has arranged for all its shop and office employees to have time off to view the relic, and Postoffice employees also will be given time for a visit of inspection.

Blind people of the city will be given an opportunity to feel the Bell. They will meet at the City Hall at 9 A. M. and will be taken by a squad of police to the Bell where each will have an opportunity to lay hands on it.

SIGNER'S KIN LIVES HERE

R. F. HALL RELATED TO MAN WHOSE NAME IS ON DECLARATION.

Arrival of Bell Recalls Part Played by Revolutionary Hero in Early Days of Nation.

Robert F. Hall, a resident of Portland, is a relative, although not a direct descendant, of Lyman Hall, signer of the Declaration of Independence.



Portrait of Lyman Hall, Signer of Declaration of Independence, from painting.

Mr. Hall's kinship to one of the men instrumental in founding the Nation is particularly interesting today on account of the presence of the Liberty Bell in the city.

The family history is interesting. Lyman Hall was a graduate of Yale. He studied medicine, lived in Georgia, had a part in making that state one of the Union in 1775; represented Georgia in Congress, and his property was confiscated by the British. He died in Georgia in 1790. In 1857 his body was removed to Atlanta, where a handsome monument was erected. His original tablet, placed by his widow, was sent to Wallingford, Conn., his birthplace, where it is now in the quaint old cemetery in the heart of the city.

Robert Hall has many interesting heirlooms of his relatives and ancestors. A painting of the distinguished Lyman Hall hangs in the library at Wallingford.

\$1,000,000 PROFIT MADE

Isaac L. Rice Sells Submarine Stock in Sensational Rise.

NEW YORK, July 14.—(Special.)—More than \$1,000,000 is reported to have been made in Wall street in the last month by Isaac L. Rice, president of the Holland Submarine Torpedo Company. He was owner of 25,000 shares of Electric Boat Company stock, which has made a sensational rise on the exchange.

It was announced today that he had disposed of all his holdings on the recent rise. The stock within the last two months has risen more than 100 points. War orders were responsible.

Campers to Get Benefit.

A careful consideration of the public characterizes the disposition made of the Government lands that lie along the Columbia Highway. Pieces of land ranging in size from a few square rods to 10 acres in size, that are parts of the National Forest Reserve, will be

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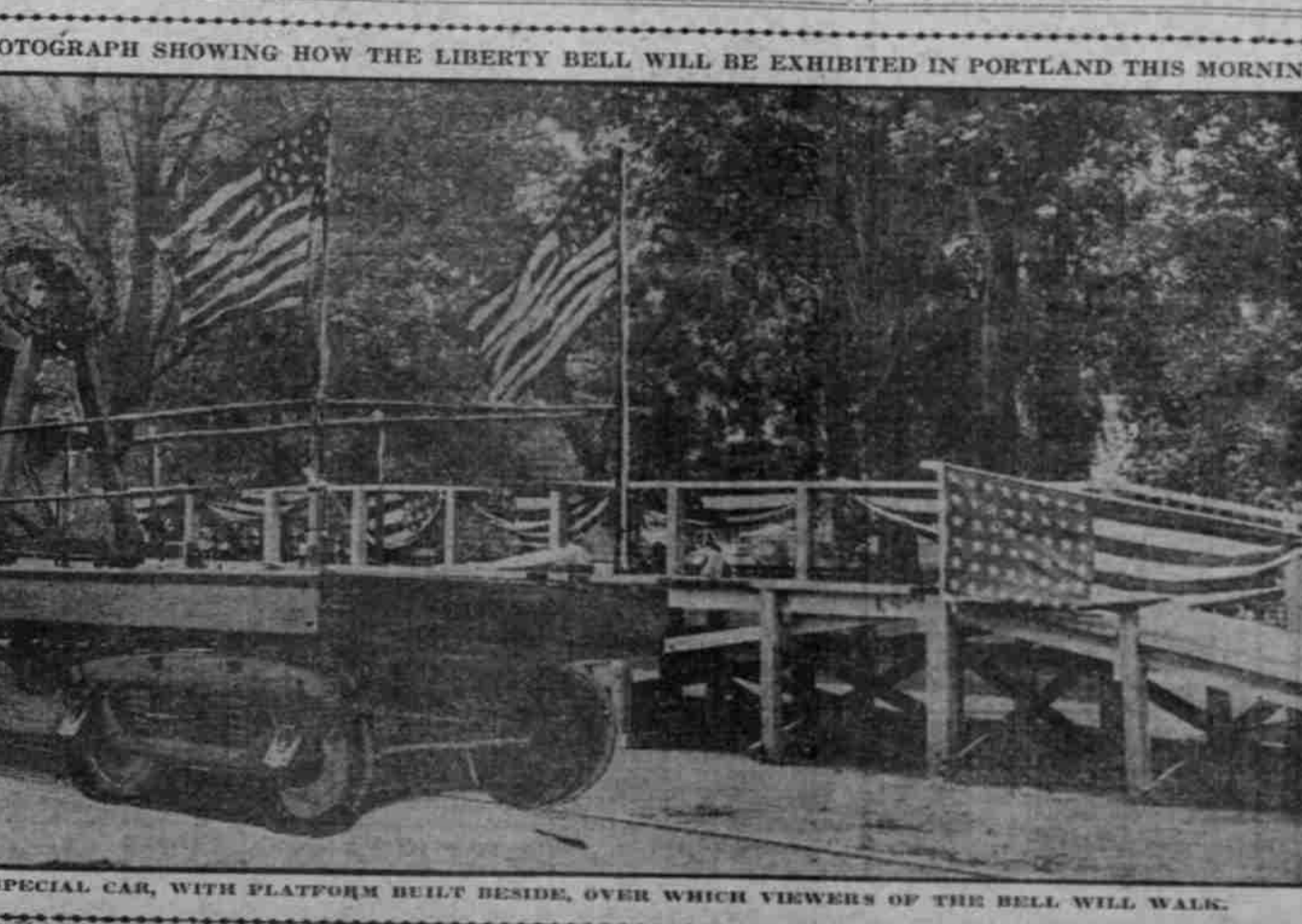
ROSEBURG, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—By a vote of 4 to 2, the railroad committee of the City Council late today agreed to accept the final agreement submitted by Kendall Brothers for the construction of a railroad from Roseburg to the line of the Umpqua National Forest Reserve, and the erection of a modern sawmill in this city.

According to the agreement work on the proposed railroad will begin as soon as the Supreme Court renders a decision regarding the validity of the bonds and the citizens of Roseburg provide the required rights of way.

Kendall Brothers agree to construct the railroad as far as Rock Creek as soon as the City of Roseburg complies with its terms of the contract, and will extend the road from that point to the line of the Umpqua National Forest Reserve at any time that the extension of the line is required.

For every mile of railroad constructed as far as Rock Creek the city agrees to pay Kendall Brothers \$5000. For the extension from Rock Creek to the forest reserve the city will pay the builders \$11,000 a mile. None of the money will be paid until the units are completed.

The contract provides that the railroad will be a common carrier and will be operated continuously unless hindered by the elements. The committee arranging for the rights of way is meeting with success, and the mill site is practically ready to turn over to the builders of the road.



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CHOLERA GROWING WORSE

Austrian Prisoners Report Many Fatalities From Disease.

BRESCIA, Italy, via Paris, July 13.—The Austrian prisoners say that cholera is daily growing worse among the Austrian troops, especially those who have returned from Gallia, and that there are many fatalities as a result of the disease.

The Italian authorities are submitting all prisoners to a severe medical examination. Men suspected of having cholera are isolated.

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