

BELGIUM TOUCHED BY AMERICAN AID

Cardinal Mercier Says That 'anner of Giving Has Added Grace to Benevolence.

INSPIRING EXAMPLE SET

Prime Minister Writes That in Hour of Reconstruction People Will Draw Strength From Imitation of High Virtues.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has addressed a letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American committee for relief in Belgium, saying:

"I understand you have so kindly addressed a new appeal to the generosity of your countrymen to provide clothing for our so painfully destitute people. I confess I had much preferred to shake hands with my American brothers in token of thankfulness for what they already have done than that we should again stretch to them the open hand to beg.

"Your country has already done so much for us; it has given us much in food and, above all, in personal cooperation for our economic rehabilitation. It brings us this help with such a moving and complete spontaneity that we have long desired to convey to your people a full expression of gratitude, unattainable by renewed appeals to their generous impulses. But you yourself, dear friends, invoke us to appreciate our scruples.

Acts of Giving Appreciated.

"Only yesterday tears arose in my eyes when, crossing the street in Brussels, I met a party of strong, honest workmen, with stooping heads, their eyes fixed on low clogs. These were men who had been working in the mines and children through their own labor, but had been for 15 months without work. The last of their savings are exhausted. Their shoes were worn out and the relief committee had distributed among them some clogs, with the injunction to use the leather rags from the worn-out shoes as linings to keep their feet from dampness.

"You Americans, who prize highly the value of labor and so possess the natural impulse of securing comfort and success by your own exertions, will well understand the mental suffering of these noble souls forced to depend on charity. Therefore, you also know how to hide your liberalities under anonymous veils and how to distribute them through hands as delicate as they are discreet.

America's Example Inspires.

"Interpreter of the feelings of the Belgian population, we thank you as much and more for your way of giving than for the gifts themselves. May I add that one of the greatest benefits, for which we shall feel eternally indebted to the American people, will be the fitting of the Belgians. The Belgian people have learned to know you well, to look at you in a beautiful light, to feel to some extent that they would gain in following your footsteps.

"When the hour of reconstruction comes we will invoke them to imitate your example. Your land of abundance, your land of fecundity, your land of ambition for more comfort, not wealth, but through the services of individual endeavor, with a patriotism that ignores civil discord and draws its strength from a collective love of National progress, will imitate your high virtues and we are confident that our benefactors will find in this spreading of their own moral influence their real reward."

SCHOOL TANGLE AT END

NEW DOUBTFUL DISTRICT IN CLATSOP COUNTY RATIFIED.

Two-year Wrangle, Started Over Location of Building, Nearly Invaluable Bond Issue.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Information received from Seaside that the case of Union High School District No. 1 vs. District No. 24 has been settled in favor of the high school.

This ends a legal battle which has involved many lawyers. The state superintendent of public instruction, the county superintendent, the Supreme Court, several lower courts, and at one time threatened to invalidate the entire bond issue in the hands of innocent purchasers after the creation of the district last June.

The board, consisting of A. M. Bennett, District No. 1, Clatsop; John Tyberg, District 14, Gearhart; R. Otto, District 18, Seaside; C. A. Woodruff, District 24, Ecola; and Fodor Kahles, District 27, Necanicum, voted and sold bonds to the amount of \$22,900 for the purpose of buying a site and building a new Union High School. An architect was engaged, plans were drawn and approved, teachers engaged and all went well until it was decided to select a site, then the board split hopelessly on its selection.

A. M. Bennett, of Clatsop, and C. A. Woodruff, of Ecola, presented petitions to dissolve the district. The resulting election was against the continuance of the district, but before the boundary board could canvass the vote of the election a restraining order was issued by the County Court. By stipulation the case was appealed to the State Supreme Court.

1 OF 3 PASSES TESTS

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP IS WON BY COBURG ASPIRANT.

Oregon University Graduate Appointed by Unanimous Decision of Examining Board.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Liton Ackerson, of Coburg, Or., age 23, a graduate of the University of Oregon in 1913, who received the appointment for the Cecil Rhodes three-year scholarship at Oxford University, in England, was the only one of three Oregon candidates to pass the examination successfully. The honor carries with it a remuneration of £200 a year, approximately \$1500.

The appointment was made by a unanimous decision of the Oxford examining board, of which the presi-

dents of Williams, Pacific, McMinnville, Albany and Oregon Universities are members.

For a student to receive the appointment it is necessary that he pass an examination in Latin, Greek and two of the following subjects: Arithmetic, algebra or geometry. A special dispensation has been made by the faculty of Oxford that students from the United States may defer their Greek examination until after entering Oxford, as Greek is not a required collegiate subject in this country.

At the completion of the three year course at Oxford, a degree of B. A. is given. This is equivalent to the American degree of Ph.D.

Mr. Ackerson is now principal of the Richland, Or., high school in Baker



Liton Ackerson, Recently Named Rhodes Scholar From Oregon.

County. Because of the comparative short terms at the English institution an opportunity is given the scholarship students to travel through Europe.

LESLIE HEIRS LOSE CASE

NO GROUNDS FOUND FOR CONTESTING WOMAN'S WILL.

Attack on Origin of Mrs. Frank Leslie, Who Left Wealth to Suffrage, Scored by Surrogate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Applications of heirs-at-law of Mrs. Frank Leslie's husband to have set aside the decree admitting her will to probate in order to institute a contest were denied in a decision handed down today by Surrogate Fowler. Under Mrs. Leslie's will nearly \$2,000,000 was left to the woman suffrage movement.

The surrogate finds the applicants, who are neither next of kin nor heirs-at-law of Mrs. Leslie, have no ground whatever for seeking a share of the estate.

In his decree Surrogate Fowler stamps as baseless allegations of the applicants that Mrs. Leslie was the child of Charles Follet, of New Orleans, and a slave woman. He declared: "The origin, life and memory of the deceased lady is unjustly attacked. Such a claim seems to us how at this lapse of time a monstrous claim, but if not monstrous in law to my mind, the evidence purporting to support the claim in instance is of the most inadequate and nebulous kind."

Genesee Knights Return Home.

GENESEE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—About 50 officers and members of the Knights of Columbus lodge at this place returned to Genesee Monday after attending the installation of a new command of Knights of Columbus at Unionsburg, Wash. The Genesee degree team put on the first degree to a class of more than 50 candidates.

MOVIE FIRMS SUED

Imperial Exchange Says Business Ruined by Conspiracy.

SHERMAN LAW IS INVOKED

Ten Leading Manufacturers Named as Defendants in Effort to Recover Treble Damages, Totalling \$750,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A suit demanding treble damages of \$750,000 under the Sherman anti-trust law was filed in the United States District Court here today by the Imperial Film Exchange of New York against 10 leading manufacturers and lessors of motion picture films. The complainant alleges that the defendants conspired to ruin its business and accomplished their purpose.

The defendants are: The General Film Company, the Vitagraph Company of America, the Pathé Freres, the Kalem Company, the Edison Manufacturing Company, the Essanay Film Manufacturing Company, the Lubin Manufacturing Company, the Selig Polyscope Company, George Kleine, Inc., and the Motion Pictures Patents Company.

In its complaint the Imperial Film Exchange charges that it was organized in 1908 and in April, 1910, it was owner of 1900 different moving picture films, had more than 140 regular weekly customers in New York and other states, and made a profit of \$50,000 per annum from the rental of films.

In April, 1910, the complainant avers, the General Film Company was formed by the nine other defendants as a moving picture exchange for the alleged purpose of monopolizing the sale and distribution of films in the United States.

The same month it is charged, the Pathé, Kalem and Lubin companies filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the Imperial Exchange, placing it in the hands of a temporary receiver. When the receiver found the Imperial exchange was solvent two months later, the plaintiff declares, its business had shrunk to 20 customers, its weekly income had dwindled to \$250 and its business was mostly in the hands of the plaintiff's competitors. The complainant seeks damage of \$250,000, and in accordance with the provisions of the Sherman law, asks the judgment of \$750,000 against the defendants.

HOSPITAL GOODS BARRED

BRITAIN SUSPENDS PERMITS FOR SHIPMENTS TO FOES.

United States State Department Asks Modification of Order, on Behalf of Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain has suspended the issuance of permits for shipment of hospital supplies of any description from the United States to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. This became known tonight, and at the same time it was learned that the State Department, at the instance of the American Red Cross, had made representations to the London Foreign Office seeking withdrawal or modification of the new order.

Lewis to Take in Last of Bonds.

Until recently the British government and its allies exempted from the blockade orders in council virtually all hospital supplies except rubber goods, such as gloves, worn by surgeons and nurses, blankets, tubing, etc. Efforts to secure admission of the rubber articles were unsuccessful, the British authorities ex-

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plaining that to permit them to go into long standing and with the payment territory would release a corresponding amount of rubber for the manufacture of automobile tires and other military necessities.

Now the prohibition has been extended to all supplies and large consignments collected at New York by the Red Cross for shipment to the central powers are being held in storage.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—On January 1 County Treasurer Raught will pay off the last \$18,000 of a \$100,000 issue of Lewis County bonds that were originally written in 1906. The bonds issued in 1906 were to refund previous indebtedness of

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TWENTY-SIX leading specialty stores have assembled a holiday showing of unusual variety and magnificence. Call upon them today or tonight--their service will please you and their prices save you money. Prompt deliveries—plenty of salespeople.

- C. H. Baker Shoes, 270 Morrison, 270 Washington, West Park and Washington.
Felix Bloch Jeweler and Silversmith, 252 Morrison street.
C. C. Bradley Co. Men's Hatters and Furnishers, 252 Washington street.
Buffum & Pendleton Men's Clothings and Furnishers, 111 Morrison street.
Clarke Bros. Florists, Cut Flowers and Potted Plants, 287 Morrison street.
A. & C. Feldenheimer Jewellers, Diamond Importers and Silversmiths, Park and Washington.

- The Florsheim Shoe Shop Men's Shoes, 350 Washington street.
Irwin-Hodson Co. Stationery, Printing, Engraving, 287 Washington street.
Jaeger Bros. Jewelers, Diamond Merchants, 121 Sixth street.
The Juvenile Clothes for Kiddies, 142 Sixth street, Bet. Alder and Morrison.
Knight Shoe Co. Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Broadway and Morrison.
Laue-Davis Drug Co. Druggists, Prescription Pharmacists, Third and Yamhill.
Leftert Jewelry Co. Jewelers, Silversmiths, 248 Washington street.
Lion Clothing Co. Men's Clothing, Shoes, Furnishings and Hats, Fourth and Morrison.
Lennon's Gloves, Hosiery, Umbrellas, 209 Morrison street.
Mathis Clothier, Furnisher, Hatter, 147-149 Sixth street.
Powers Furniture Co. Furniture, Draperies, House Furnishings, Third and Yamhill.
Phegley & Cavender Clothiers, Furnishers, and Hatters, Fourth and Alder.
Rosenthal & Co. Hatan Shoes, Main Store, 129 Tenth street, Branch, 208 Washington.
Samuel Rosenblatt & Co. Clothiers, Furnishers and Hatters, 266 Morrison street.
Ben Selling Clothier, Furnisher and Hatter, Fourth and Morrison streets.
Sherman-Clay & Co. Piano Talking Machines, Records, Sixth and Morrison streets.
M. Sichel Men's Furnisher and Hatter, 231 Washington street.
Max M. Smith Florist, Cut Flowers and Plants, 141 1/2 Sixth st., near Alder st.
Staiger Shoe Co. Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, 292 Washington street.
Woodard, Clarke & Co. Wood-Lark Building, West Park and Alder sts.

