

CHRISTMAS RECESS TAKEN IN SEATTLE

Fuads Are Forgotten by All Until After Holidays.

EMPLOYEES TO LOSE JOBS

Many on King County Payroll Are Notified That They Are to Be Dropped at New Year.

FUADT SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—In Seattle, as elsewhere, it's Merry Christmas, and community thought is turned temporarily from consideration of grievances and quarrels.

The county grand jury, in session since November 13, is taking a lay-off for the holidays. The federal grand jury, recently impaneled, has paused in its inquiry of numerous cases in which the illicit whisky and narcotic drug traffic are chiefly featured.

Truce for the time being is enforced on a number of local feuds, among them the following: Mayor Brown versus Thomas P. Hevella, United States district attorney.

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The preachers versus Mayor Brown.

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Quarrels Are Heated. These have been heated quarrels, all of them; and none has yet been compromised or settled.

Mayor Brown hit the high spot in his last weekly public address in a speech before the Young Men's Republican club, in the course of which he said many things uncomplimentary to the federal prohibition directors.

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Mayor Brown shows no signs of retracting his statement that "crooks and incompetents" are employed in the federal prohibition offices here.

The Columbia Basin Reclamation association, on the other hand, is waging a hard fight against the plans of the Columbia Basin irrigation league, and, incidentally, against the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, which is committed to support of the older organization.

Seattle preachers, who have been devoting their sermons of late to criticism and condemnation of Mayor Brown and his administration, are, for the moment, laboring in a more appropriate to the immediate season, presumably in the knowledge that a crusade against the city government is still in season and may readily be resumed.

Reform Makes Headway. The reform committee seems to be the only one of the controversial forces that has made definite headway.

Apparently as the direct or indirect result of its efforts one of the alleged offensive dance halls of the city has been peacefully closed, at the request of the chief of police.

The committee will keep up the effort to close the others.

Twenty-five or thirty King county employees have been apprised, by notes through local newspapers, that this is their last Christmas on a county payroll.

As many have been notified that their jobs are to be terminated immediately after the first of the year, but the employees to be dismissed have not yet been named.

Most of these changes are on the programme of the two newly-elected county commissioners, who will constitute a majority of the board.

The new commissioners say that the changes imply no dereliction of duty on the part of present employees, but that it is "customary" for the commissioners to fill the offices with their own friends.

All in all, however, Seattle has welcomed the holidays as giving brief respite from the controversy and the lately continuous contemplation of the more disagreeable things in community life.

Trade has been brisk, and giving, both useful and useless, is at least as extensive as usual.

The County Chest fund fell about \$200,000 below the objective point of the fall campaign, but all the charitable organizations of the city have done as well as they could to see that no one was neglected in the spread of good cheer.

FALL TO RESIGN SOON

FRICITION AMONG ADVISERS OF PRESIDENT NOTED.

Secretary's Intent to Quit Result of Fight Over Control of Forests of Alaska.

(By Chicago Tribune Licensed Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior, it became definitely known today, will leave President Harding's cabinet before spring, and Senator New of Indiana, Carmi Thompson of Ohio and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, all recently appointed for office, are leading possibilities to succeed him.

The determination of Secretary Fall to resign, making the second break in the Harding cabinet, is the result of a spirited session of the president's committee on organization of the government, held at the White House last week.

It signifies a complete victory for Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in the fight he has been waging to remain administration of Alaskan forests and is interpreted by leading senators as spelling defeat of

FIRST OF SEVEN BRONZE TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWERS IN NEW YORK DEDICATED.



MASTER TOWER AT FORTY-SECOND STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE. This picture shows—just after it was unveiled—the master tower at Forty-second street, controlling all traffic in the business section of Fifth avenue—first of the seven new bronze structures which will replace all of the present unsightly towers of wood and iron on Fifth avenue before the first of the year.

The president's ambitious reorganization scheme. An effort will yet be made to get the plan before congress. There is some doubt whether this will be accomplished, and even if it is, it is not expected that congress will approve what has been done.

Secretary Wallace's victory in keeping control of the forestry service in his department instead of having it placed in the department of the interior, as the president originally wanted, establishes a precedent for the rest of the bureaucrats.

They are now insisting upon retaining their prerogatives. The army will not surrender to the navy nor will the sea forces give place to those of the land.

Heads of bureaus and other departments whose lines have crossed in the slow and complex development of the machinery of government are equally determined in their opposition to the tentative plans of reorganization.

While the decision reached by Mr. Fall to retire from the cabinet has been a relief to many, the secretary of the interior has not been in complete harmony with his chief and other members of the cabinet on important issues.

Among the differences has been that concerning the Mexican policy, while there have been criticisms within the cabinet of Mr. Fall's recent oil leases.

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It is significant that on the New York exchange at certain times the mark was quoted at nearly 1000 lower to the dollar than in Berlin.

For some time the Reichsbank has been quietly buying up marks. Bankers who wanted to buy dollars sold off their marks at their own price.

"Everyone connected with financial circles know American bankers cannot discuss loans until reparations are regulated," one of Germany's leading industrialists said today.

"Bankers sell bonds to the people. An unreliable banker could recommend a loan on securities against which others had got a first mortgage with the right of foreclosure which France has now got.

The public of course, is deceived as always. The manipulation has reacted heavily on the German market causing the cancellation of orders in marks and a high overhead expense for products sold on a gold basis.

Certain of our products when the dollar brought 6000 marks cost 20 per cent more in Germany than in New York.

The latest maneuver, however, clearly was engineered by a group who had bought up marks cheaply and re-sold them to buyers at half the cost, making a profit of 100 per cent.

"Fortunes made this way," he said, "obviously at the cost of some one, in this case the German people, must pay. I have always favored free trade, but this kind of speculation is a tremendous drain, not only on the country, but causes serious disturbance on industry."

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Mark Scandal Charged. BANKERS SAID TO HAVE MADE \$1,000,000 PROFIT. Accused of Starting False Rumors to Raise Prices.

BY LARRY RUE. (Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Copyright, 1922, by the Chicago Tribune.) BERLIN, Dec. 24.—With the charge that a group of American and German bankers cleaned up \$1,000,000 in the last mark manipulation at the expense of the German public and industry, the industrial leaders here are unofficially attempting to precipitate a governmental investigation, which they intend to divulge as one of the greatest financial scandals since the flight of German capital from Germany.

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LOAN IS OBTAINED ON FAKE ESTATE

Paris Banker Victimized by Clever Woman.

WHOLE TRICK REVEALED

Police Fail to Find Trace of Missing Fortune, Missing Corpse, Missing Yacht.

BY JOHN CLAYTON. (Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Copyright, 1922, by the Chicago Tribune.)

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A fourfold mystery—a missing manager, a missing fortune of about \$100,000,000, a missing corpse and a missing yacht—is causing the dollars of Paris police officials to writ as they continue investigating the story of Mrs. Leon Marcel Tardy, 17 Boulevard Hausmann.

The police were pushed into the mystery through the complaint of a Paris banker, later withdrawn, that he had lent Mrs. Tardy 50,000 francs (roughly \$1570) for expenses in obtaining the estate of Miss Fay Heller, said to have been a resident of Boston.

Miss Heller was said to have willed her entire fortune of \$100,000,000 to Mrs. Tardy on condition that she care for the former's menagerie of animals, some wild and some tame, which the American woman had gathered during a life of travel and deposited in private parks from Japan to the Bahamas.

Several Other Links Missing. The missing Miss Heller was supposed to have died aboard the missing yacht Old Chap in the Mediterranean.

There are several other missing links in the story. Here are the facts which the police gathered:

Mrs. Tardy has photographs of a will, which she purports to be that of Miss Heller, leaving all her jewels and fortune to Mrs. Tardy, Wilbur Heller, person of Boston, named as executor of the will and he was to get the yacht.

The will was signed Lillian Fair Heller. Carrying the photograph of the will to the banker and telling him that the original was in a safe at Marseilles, Mrs. Tardy obtained a loan of 50,000 francs from the banker, and later the police, that Miss Heller was a rich and eccentric American and her best friend. The American cruised around the world gathering animals.

Whole Thing Big Fraud. Mrs. Tardy passed much of her time aboard her yacht in the Mediterranean. Eight days after she made her will she was alleged to have died in the Mediterranean. Some time later Mrs. Tardy received the will from the executor and wanted to borrow money to institute legal proceedings in order to obtain possession of the estate.

When time passed and the banker heard nothing from her he complained to the police, but later he withdrew the complaint, saying that he had been paid.

The police investigations, however, were continued and it was found the whole affair was a grand fraud. Mrs. Tardy having written the lists with nearly all the known animals to amuse her husband.

Among Mrs. Tardy's papers which were seized were found letters from the duke of Somerset, Henry Ford, J. Pierpont Morgan, the earl of Kent and others, all written on cheap lined paper.

The Paris police, with their usual thoroughness, reported that they were not able to trace the yacht Old Chap or Mr. Ryerson, or to find any record of Miss Heller's death. But they are still working and may uncover further mysteries.

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Obituary.

Mary Wood Henkle. MOORE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Wood Henkle, 87, was held here Friday, with interment in the Wasco cemetery.

Mrs. Henkle was the widow of Andrew Jackson Henkle, who died here last February at the age of 94. The aged couple had celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary last January. Mr. and Mrs. Henkle came to Oregon by ox teams in 1852, Mr. Henkle being the patriarch of the family clan which celebrated its 15th reunion this year in Corvallis.

Mrs. Mary Kemps. DALLAS, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Kemps, a widow, 63, died at her home in Monmouth Friday.

New York Takes Caution. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Acting on tips from western cities that scores of known criminals were headed toward New York for a holiday "clean-up," Police Commissioner Enright tonight ordered in the Manhattan shopping district every available man in the metropolitan department, including the headquarters clerical staff and 800 reserve detectives.

Linn Valuation \$51,010,955.64. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Linn county property is assessed at slightly over half its actual value, according to an announcement made here by the county assessor. Figures are based upon the valuation set by the state tax commission. Linn county real and personal property is valued at \$51,010,955.64, somewhat less than \$21,000,000. The total assessment is \$26,891,578.

Marion County Agent Wanted. SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Marion county farm bureau, at a meeting held here Saturday night, went on record favoring the employment of a county agent here. The local farm bureau has more than 700 members. Members of the Marion county farm bureau will please their demands before the county court here before the first of the year.

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Large advertisement for the Kentucky Derby at Peoples. Features portraits of Alice Brady and Lorna Doone. Text includes "This Week Only", "Now Playing", and "Commented for adventure, romance and appeal to the millions who have read the book...".