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MESSAGE OF GOV. HUGHES

New York's Chief Executive Makes Several Important Recommendations.

STATE LEGISLATURE MEETS

Financial, Race Track, Gambling and Regulation of Telephone and Telegraph, Chief Topics Discussed.

(By Associated Press)

ALBANY, Jan. 1.—The thirty-first annual session of the New York state legislature began at noon today. The second annual message of Governor Hughes was the feature of the session. It contains many important recommendations.

Chief among these in the light of the conditions disclosed by the recent financial upheaval is a recommendation regarding an amendment to the law relating to banks and trust companies, the governor urging the adoption of every practicable means "to prevent a repetition of the reprehensible practices and to assure the proper management of the financial institutions chartered and supervised by the state." Another recommendation has as its object the complete suppression of race track gambling throughout the state. The governor recommends extreme caution in making any changes in the present insurance law. He also recommends the extension of the public service act so as to bring the telegraph and telephone companies under regulation as to rates, service, etc.

MAIL CARRIER FROZEN TO DEATH

Snow Shoes Broken He is Unable to Continue His Way on Mountain Trail.

(By Associated Press)

BOISE, Jan. 1.—While crossing the mountains with government mail for Rocky Bat, Elmore County, George McKenna was frozen to death. He left Atlanta Christmas day on his first trip as letter carrier, and broke his snow shoes making progress on the mountain trail impossible.

BURNED TO DEATH ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sad Fate of Three Children in Illinois—Mother Badly Injured.

(By Associated Press)

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., Jan. 1.—Three children perished in a fire which destroyed the home of Helmer Duwinski last night. The little ones were in bed when an exploding lamp scattered oil over the room. The mother was seriously burned in attempting to rescue the children.

OFFICE BUILDING BURNED

Pittsburg Has \$100,000 Blaze on New Year's Day.

(By Associated Press)

PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—Fire destroyed the Excelsior building today. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars. Two firemen were injured. The building was largely devoted to offices.

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NEW YEARS PRIZE MONEY

Two Up-To-Date Thieves Grab Two Thousand and Escape In Automobile.

(By Associated Press)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Two men stole a chest containing \$2859 from a street-car standing in front of the car barns at 6:45 yesterday morning and got safely away in an automobile which was also stolen. The stolen money represented a portion of yesterday's earnings of the Rochester railway company. The robbers were tracked out of the city but the trail was lost. The surrounding towns have been notified.

BOOM! BOOM! GO THE BOMBS

The Stock Exchange in Rome Is Destroyed By Dynamite.

SIXTEEN ARE INJURED

Sought to Prevent Liquidation by Destroying Securities—New York House Is Also Demolished

ROME, Jan. 1.—A dynamite bomb exploded in the stock exchange in this city yesterday and sixteen are known to have been injured. Some were injured and others were buried under portions of the building, which collapsed. The firemen, police and troops are on the scene conducting the work of rescue. It is supposed the bomb was thrown with the intention of preventing the customary end of the month liquidation.

The explosion occurred shortly before four o'clock. The exchange is in the center of the city and thousands gathered around the spot were suddenly seized with fear of outrages and made a rush to quit the spot thus greatly endangering life and limb.

The suspicion that the explosion was intended to prevent liquidation is on the increase. The plan was to destroy millions in securities but the explosion occurred too late. The liquidation was over and nearly all the securities had been removed.

BLEW UP THE OLD MAN.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A bomb was thrown against the front of the two story frame building on East 149th street before daylight which endangered the lives of eight people who were asleep therein. The building was occupied by the fish store of Joseph Rae, which was demolished and his daughter was injured. Rae has asked the police to search for his son-in-law, who, he says, threatened to blow up the store because his wife had left him and taken refuge with her father.

—Call up Corthell the carpenter and have that leak fixed. Phone 561.

Editorial Policy of The Times

Geo. Blanchard, local manager of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Co., has discontinued the advertising of his company in the Daily Times. Ordinarily this would be a mere incident in the day's business which would not be of any interest or concern to the readers of the Times. Following, as it did, however, a criticism published in the columns of this paper in reference to the service given Marshfield by the company it becomes a matter of grave public concern as outlining the policy of the leading public utility corporation of Coos Bay.

Last Friday the Times published a criticism of the lighting service and the next day Mr. Blanchard called at the office to demand who was back of what he alleged to be a malicious attack on the electric light company. He professed surprise when informed that the present editor and publisher was solely and exclusively responsible and that the criticism was merely a reflection of the writer's personal experience with a second-class electric service at a first-class price. At least three times one day last week light and power were temporarily shut off in the Times mechanical department and one evening candles were used in the business office for the fourth time during the month.

Mr. Blanchard then announced that he thought as the Electric company was spending money with the Times it should not be criticised. He manifested additional surprise when he was informed that the Times did not consider itself subsidized by the money, large or small, that was spent in its advertising columns, and that if the Coos Bay Gas and Electric company thought it could buy the silence of the Times by such bribery it had come to the wrong market. Mr. Blanchard was told in plain English that the Times was published in the interest of the whole people of Coos Bay and not of any particular part and that it was not peddling its principles like a huckstering fish wife, to the purchasers of its advertising columns. He was further informed that not all the dollars that the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Co. has or hopes to haggle out of a harassed and disgusted public could purchase immunity from a deserved criticism and that this paper would not, while under its present management, be either bribed or bulldozed into silence on a subject that is of vital concern to all the people.

Because he cannot purchase that silence with a few dirty dollars dumped into the advertising columns of the Times, Mr. Blanchard withdraws his advertising. The Times is pleased that he has done so. It is well that there should be no misunderstanding in reference to the policy and principles of this paper. These principles were announced in the first copy issued under the present management. As Mr. Blanchard, as manager of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric company, seems to have overlooked this statement of principles it is republished for his benefit. Here it is:

"THE GENERAL WELFARE OF COOS BAY WILL BE THE CHIEF CONCERN OF THE TIMES IN THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF PUBLIC POLICY. It will be as free and independent as the breeze that kiss the forest clad hills of old Coos in fond caress. IT CANNOT BE BRIBED OR BROWBEATEN INTO SUPPORTING ANY POLICY OR PRINCIPLE THAT IT CONSIDERS INIMICAL TO THE PUBLIC GOOD. IT WILL GIVE THE NEWS WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR AND ADVOCATES SUCH PRINCIPLES AS IT DEEMS WORTHY OF BEING SUPPORTED. It may err in its judgment at times for it lays no claim to infallibility, but its POSITION ON ANY PUBLIC QUESTION WILL NEVER BE DICTATED BY SELF INTEREST OR CONTROLLED BY PATRONAGE. IT PROPOSES TO SAY WHAT IT PLEASES, WHEN IT PLEASES AND ABOUT WHOM IT PLEASES, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR FAVOR. It considers the welfare of the community as a whole and at all times superior to the selfish interests of the individual."

There isn't anything in such a declaration of principles that any honest man or corporation need fear. The Times has no desire to be hypercritical. It is not seeking for things to find fault with. It merely pleads for a standard of excellence in public utilities that the growing importance of Marshfield and Coos Bay demand. The people are entitled to a better service but it will never be rendered until the demand is backed by a united public sentiment. A free and untrammelled press is the most potent factor in securing such a result. It can never be achieved by a newspaper that will stultify itself at the behest of an advertiser who seeks to subserve the public and general good by securing the paid protection of corporate wrong.

Just so long as the people of Marshfield submit to an electric service that shuts down during the noon hour every day, all holidays, Sundays and compels them to retire with candles several nights each month, just so long will it be given them. The Times is not one of the tamely submissive kind and it very greatly mistakes the temper of the progressive citizens of Marshfield, if they are.

The Times may lose a few hundred dollars per year in advertising but it is just as well that Mr. Blanchard and the Coos Bay Gas and Electric company understand now that when they pay for advertising they are not subsidizing this paper and that they cannot purchase its silence by any such paltry subterfuge. It is also well that the people of Coos Bay understand that this corporation is not above attempting to swing a club to beat into submission those who would publicly criticize its services and its methods.

Finally it may help to clarify the situation if Mr. Blanchard understands that there are some men whose consciences cannot be choked with coin whose principles are not to be purchased by proffering patronage. That there may be no doubt as to the man responsible— M. C. MALONEY.

PETTIBONE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Idaho Prisoner Is Taken To the Hospital From the Court Room.

(By Associated Press)

Boise, Jan. 1.—Pettibone has been in the hospital since the adjournment of court yesterday. His condition is serious but he says he will be able to appear in court tomorrow which he predicts will be the last day of the trial.

TO SHIELD HER SISTER

New York Woman Tells a Strange Story to the Police.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—It was reported yesterday that Mrs. Agnes Young, the supposed victim of murder at Harrison, N. J., is alive and employed in a real estate office in this city. In an interview she is quoted as saying that she knows Mrs. Hull, who identified the murdered woman as Mrs. Young, but was unable to understand why Mrs. Hull should tell such a story as she did to the police.

Mrs. Hull told the police that she parted from Mrs. Young on Christmas day and that Mrs. Young was about to start for Harrison in company with Charles Myers. Mrs. Young declared today that while she knew Mrs. Hull she had not seen her for two years.

Mrs. Hull's Story.

NEWARK, Jan. 1.—When Mrs. Hull was told that Mrs. Young was alive she declared that the murdered woman was her own half sister, Minnie Jeanette Gaston, daughter of R. B. Gaston, of Servilla, and formerly a member of the chorus in "The Texas Steer" company. She had been living lately in New York. Mrs. Hull declared that Charles Myers brought her sister to New York, that she accompanied the latter to a meeting with Myers on Christmas day, and Miss Gaston was to go to Harrison with Myers. She said she identified the body as that of Mrs. Young in order to avoid involving Miss Gaston's name in a scandal. The magistrate lectured Mrs. Hull and ordered a detective to escort her out of the state.

"NOW I LAY ME," SACRED VERSE

New York Church People Censure the Man Who Would Banish Childhood's Prayer—Stamps Idea as Ridiculous.

NEW YORK—Clark Bell, president of the Medico-Legal society, who says that the bedtime prayer of childhood is "little short of criminal," would get short shrift if the clergymen of New York and the mothers' societies had his fate in their keeping.

A half-dozen prominent ministers and women interviewed recently declared that the man who advocates the abolition of "Now I lay me" from the home, should be exiled from the community.

"I never heard a more criminal idea," said Mrs. David Belals, president of the New York Humane society. "I'd like to see the man big enough to rob us of the prayer that has been repeated by the boys and girls of every generation since this nation was founded—and before. Mr. Bell says that the third line,

NEW YEARS AT WHITE HOUSE

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Receive Assisted by Cabinet Members.

MADE BRILLIANT SCENE

Has Grown to be One of the Most Formal and Brilliant of Official Functions in Washington.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.— President Roosevelt officiated the seventh time as President of the United States, at the New Year's reception at the White House. Assisting him in exchanging salutations of the season were Mrs. Roosevelt and members and ladies of the cabinet. It was a brilliant scene. The niceties of diplomatic etiquette were religiously observed in the conduct of the reception which has grown in the past hundred years or more to partake largely of an official function.

ASKS FOR VERDICT AGAINST HARDEN

German State Attorney Says Ten Editor Has Not Sustained Charges.

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—In the hearing of the Harden Von Moltke libel yesterday Count Kuno Von Moltke stated that he resigned from army as a result of the articles published by Harden. The State Attorney, in his opening pleading, demanded the imposition of a sentence of four months' imprisonment against Harden. He declared Harden attacked Von Moltke and Prince Zu Eulenburg on the word of two hysterical women, the wife of Von Moltke and her mother, both of whom, he declared, were untrustworthy and possessed an abnormal tendency. He declared that Von Moltke had completely cleared himself of the charge as had Zu Eulenburg. The State Attorney declared that he had received a letter threatening him with death if the verdict was unfavorable to Harden.

REDUCES DIVIDEND.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The directors of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company declared a quarterly dividend of twenty cents a share, a reduction of 75 cents per share for the last quarter. Anaconda is controlled by the Algamated Copper company.

HENEY GETS BUSY ON LAND FRAUDS

Prosecuting Attorney Secures Pardon of S. A. Puter That He May Testify in the Oregon Cases.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—In accordance with strong recommendation by Attorney Heney and United States Attorney Baker, of the district of California, the Attorney General today recommended to the President the pardon of Stephen A. Puter, in order that the latter's testimony may be utilized in connection with the prosecution of the Oregon land fraud cases. S. A. Puter is confined in the Multnomah County jail in California.

ST. LOUIS CELEBRATED NEW YEAR'S NOISILY

Four Persons Shot, one Stabbed and Many Arrested for Fighting in Southern City.

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—A recapitulation of last night's New Year's celebration shows four persons were shot one stabbed and one beaten and robbed. There were many arrests for fighting.

YOUR PRESENT MAY HAVE BEEN IN THIS

A Large Batch of Mail Found Where Robbers Left It After Searching for Loot.

(By Associated Press)

WACO, Tex., Jan. 1.—Another batch of mail has been found west of here where it was left by the pouch looters on Christmas night. It is estimated that checks, money orders and drafts left lying where the pouches were opened aggregate \$50,000.