

TRADE CONDITION INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT

Withdrawal of Morgan and Associates From Directorates Indicative of Future.

(By the International News Service.) Washington, Jan. 3.—It was clearly demonstrated today that the withdrawal of the Morgan company from many directorates in which it has had a controlling voice will not alter the plans of the department of commerce for a thorough investigation of trade conditions and the operations of trusts.

"I regard the withdrawal of Mr. Morgan and his associates from several directorates as a highly important step forward," was the single comment that Secretary Redfield would make.

"The work is to be thorough and exhaustive is indicated by the fact that Secretary Redfield has asked for an increase of appropriations of \$250,000 to \$555,000.

"We shall go right ahead and follow the plan of legislation against interlocking directorates which the Democratic party has outlined," said Senator Kern, making his point in the senate today. "Public opinion has become well nigh universal in opposition to the interlocking of directorates and perhaps the Morgan company had sense to see that a change was inevitable."

Chairman Hinebaugh of the congressional committee today said that the action of Morgan was typical of others that unquestionably will follow.

"The new policy of the house of Morgan," said Chairman Hinebaugh, "is indicative of the fact that the senate realizes that the temper of the people will no longer tolerate the things that have been done in the past."

Community Interest to be Served. A number of members of congress take the view that the mere prohibition of interlocking directorates will not eradicate the alleged evil of interlocking stock control. With the object of reaching the root of this evil, a number of bills already have been introduced that prohibit the ownership by railroads of coal and iron company stock. The suggestion has been made that these prohibitions may be extended to include stock of other kinds of corporations and that a program of the administration certainly will go far enough to compel a complete severance of the community of interest now existing between the railroads, the banks and the industries.

AMERICANS AGAIN WARNED TO KEEP OUT OF MEXICO

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Secret Inquiry Ordered. The war department has ordered a secret investigation of the atrocities perpetrated by Villa and the Carranzistas in the towns which are being taken and retaken by the contending forces.

Colonel Charles Blockson, who is observing the federalists at Laredo, telegraphed today that "the federalists had a distinct advantage at the close of today's fighting." Four officers carried more than 30 dead bodies sawed away.

A telegram from General Bliss said he had directed Colonel Blockson to report on the atrocities in yesterday's fighting as detailed in the newspapers.

Another telegram from General Bliss said: "The federalists so far hold their own." This is the point at which the constitutionalists expected they would annihilate Huerta's army and be in control of the northern part of Mexico.

General Bliss added that 1000 women and children, camp followers and refugees, are on our side of the river waiting the outcome of the fighting. Immigration officials and Red Cross are taking charge of them, and I am cooperating and lending all possible assistance.

Returning for Attack. Reports to the war department indicate that while there are at least 1200 federalists at Tampico, the rebels, who were defeated there about two weeks

BANKERS WHO RESIGN FROM MANY DIRECTORATES



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REBELS REINFORCED. CONTINUE ASSAULT ON FEDERAL LINES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Presidio, Tex., Jan. 3.—Reinforced by the arrival during the day of 1000 troops, the Mexican rebels continued tonight their general assault on the federal lines at Ojinaga, Mexico, across the border from here. Federal deserters and wounded who crossed the Rio Grande during the afternoon reported that the federal army, resisting savagely, was gradually being pushed back from the outskirts into the town of Ojinaga itself. Although they have been under a terrific fire for five days, the defenders of the town are holding each position to the limit of their powers and only abandoning it for another position when the rebel fire becomes impossible to withstand.

No such stubborn defense has ever been presented in the history of modern Mexico, according to United States army officers who observed the battle today through powerful field glasses. As early as Thursday these same officers predicted that the federalists could not withstand the deadly rebel rifle and cannon fire more than 12 hours longer. Yet 48 hours have passed and the town is still unoccupied.

Refugees swarmed into Presidio from across the river this afternoon and tonight. Most of these were women and children who remained in the village hoping to the last that the rebel onslaught would be repulsed. This afternoon when the constitutionalists entered the town's outskirts these refugees abandoned hope and fled precipitately. Most of these were ill-clad and had been practically without food for two days. Army surgeons and Red Cross nurses cared for them. Later many started towards Marfa, Tex.

According to these refugees, the spirit of the federal defenders is improving and they are now fighting more desperately than at first.

POLICE OFFICER KILLS MAN IN MOTHER'S HOME

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 3.—Called to the home of Albert Thomas, Honouliuli, at 1:30 this morning, by Thomas' mother, who said her son was running amok, a police officer shot and killed him at her and her younger son. Sergeant of Police Brotherson shot and killed Thomas. The officer says he fired to save himself when Thomas leveled a gun at him and threatened to shoot. It is claimed that Thomas, who was a sign painter, went home in a drunken condition and became engaged when his younger brother interfered in a quarrel. Thomas was 26 years old and leaves a wife.

TWO NEW MEMBERS ON WELFARE COMMISSION

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 3.—Governor Lister today appointed Rev. St. Elmer Marvin of Sunnyside as a member of the Industrial Welfare commission to fill a vacancy, and Mrs. W. H. Udall of Tacoma was appointed to succeed Dr. Theresa McMahon, term expired. The governor announced that Mrs. Florence Swanson of Raymond had resigned from the commission, but said that the resignation would not be accepted until about February 1, allowing the member time in which to finish uncompleted work.

RADIUM FAILS TO SAVE PATIENT'S LIFE

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 3.—After a fight with death that was hopeless almost from the start, Dr. Frederick C. Bush of the state cancer laboratory in this city died a victim of cancer in that institution this afternoon. Everything that science could do was brought into play to save his life, but without avail. Six weeks ago he submitted to an operation under the direction of Dr. Howard A. Kelly, in which \$125,000 worth of radium was used, but even radium failed in this case.

WEDDING AT WILLAMINA

Willamina, Or., Jan. 3.—At the home of the bride's parents, Miss Gladys Bentley and Merwin Boyer were married New Year's day by Rev. Leonard Prose. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are well known young people of this section.

An acre of good fishing ground will produce more food in a week than an acre of land in a year.

MITCHELL REFUSES SANCTION FOR ANY STATEWIDE STRIKE

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Bennett to Fight Miller

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 3.—Jockey Bennett, who claims the featherweight championship of the coast, and "Fighting Dick" Miller of Seattle have signed for a 20 round fistic go at the Oregon theatre in this city on the night of January 9. Both fighters have agreed to weigh in at 6 o'clock at 122 pounds.

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and the strikers and to see that they come to terms. My best judgment is that the strike could be settled at a conference of this kind. I have told Governor Ferris of my plan and he approves. "I expect such a conference within a short time and the consequent settlement of the strike. "I do not believe the federal government should act until it has proved that the local government is unable to settle the copper strike. As to the plans for a general strike in Michigan, I know nothing of such a plan more than I have read in the press. I am confident it would be possible for the governor of Michigan to end this strike within a short time."

Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is recovering from a bullet wound received, he alleges, when deported from the copper country, is rapidly improving and he will be able to leave the hospital within a few days, according to his physicians.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3.—The quarter billion dollars oil land litigation, in which title to 2,000,000 acres of California oil lands is affected, was submitted to United States District Judge M. T. Dooley today after lengthy arguments. The defense asked for dismissal of the case, while the government moved for an injunction and an accounting on the part of the defendants.

Attorneys representing powerful petroleum interests questioned the authority of President Taft to withdraw the lands involved from entry September 27, 1909, in the absence of specific

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legislation by congress. Special Assistant United States Attorney General E. J. Justice argued at length in support of the government's contentions, that the public safety and the needs of the navy authorized the chief executive's action. Judge Dooley gave no indication as to when he would decide on the questions presented to him. He left tonight for San Francisco, where the hearing before him of the Western Fuel company's fraud cases will be resumed Monday.

Charlestown, W. Va., Jan. 3.—Convicted of attacking Miss Kate Turner, a cripple, while she was the guest of his wife, E. Graham Wilson, a wealthy young farmer, today was sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary. His counsel filed notice of appeal and Wilson was committed to jail without bond pending the formal motion.

RICH MAN SENTENCED FOR ATTACKING GIRL

New Rules in District Courts. New rules governing the conduct of all classes of cases in the district courts became effective Friday and copies of the rules are being distributed to attorneys who practice in the three district courts. The rules were adopted last November.

M'ADOO AND PARTY IN PORTLAND FEB. 2

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Specific dates for hearings in western cities by the organization committee provided for by the new currency law were agreed upon by that committee today as follows:

Chicago, January 19, 20 and 21; St. Louis, January 22 and 23; Kansas City, January 24; Denver, January 28, 27 and 28; Seattle, January 31 and February 1; Portland, February 2; San Francisco, February 4, 5 and 6; Los Angeles, February 7, 8 and half the day of the 9th; Houston, February 12 and 13; New Orleans, February 14 and 15; Atlanta, February 16, 17 and 18; Cincinnati, February 19 and 20; Cleveland, February 21.

These hearings are not to be confined necessarily to bankers and business men of those particular cities. Those from other places within reaching distance will be received and arguments heard.

Secretary McAdoo and his party will leave Washington tomorrow afternoon for New York. Hearings in that city will begin Monday morning.

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