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LAKE SHORE TO JOIN CENTRAL

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—Efforts of the General Investment company of Maine to thwart the plans of the directors of the Lake Shore Railroad company to consolidate with the New York Central company at a meeting to be held here tomorrow, failed today when Judge Stevens of the common pleas court refused an injunction which would have prevented the merger.

The General Investment company in its petition for an injunction alleged that officials of the two roads sought to deplete the treasuries of both roads, charged criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and asked that receivers be appointed to take over the Nickel Plate, Big Four, Lake Erie, Ohio Central and Indiana Southern, all of which, it is said, were controlled by the Lake Shore.

THE SORROWFUL CHRISTMAS

(Ben H. Lohman, in the Gold Hill News.)

Nicholas, saint of the children, drummed on the frosted pane; he heard the play of the snow sprites over the northern plain; he heard the hoof of his reindeer crunch on the crusted snow, and he answered Mistress Nicholas, "Yes, it is time to go." Wild as a dove stammered the Arctic wind rushed by; the lonely wolf of the barrens lifted a lonely cry. "Wife, will you see to my mittens, and darn me well the thumb?—I dread me this one Christmas more than all that shall come. Yea, but I dread this Christmas; I'll go with my old heart sad, for I carry the strangest playthings that ever a youngster had. The coat that the good bear gave me—brush it and trim it new; I must ride with Christmas as ever I used to do." The swirl of the sifted snow sand slashed at the frosted pane, and the saint of little children turned to his toys again.

Nicholas, patron of Christmas, has laden his peck with gifts; he hears the play of the snow sprites piling the northern drifts; he hears the clink of harness where his reindeer paw the snow, and he answers Mistress Nicholas, "Yea, it is time to go." Keen as a slashing sabre the Arctic wind makes strife; he girds the belt of walrus and bids farewell to his wife. "Bind me this scarf the tighter—loosen the hood a mite—I ride to the south with Christmas, and I travel over-light. Yea, over-light with trinkets, and dolls and pretty toys, but I carry the broken sword blade—that is the Belgian boy's. I carry the khaki tunic—stained—with the bayonet thrust; mayhap the lass in England will think that stain but rust. France, and the Rhine, and Russia. "—He sets his foot to the sleigh, and the saint of little children driven south with Christmas day.

A Strange Woman Mine, Wintertooth, clairvoyant and palmist, is now giving readings at the Colonial Plaza, Riverside.

A MILLION DOLLAR CHRISTMAS

A MILLION DOLLARS for Christmas. That is what the Rogue River valley would be enjoying if it had a beet sugar factor. That is what we can have next year without interfering in any way with fruit growing or established industries—if we secure such a factory.

A million-dollar Christmas is what several Colorado counties are enjoying as a result of sugar beets. The following news dispatch tells the story:

Greely, Colo., Dec. 14.—Today's Christmas offering of the Great Western Sugar company to the farmers of Colorado, in the form of payments for beets delivered to the factories of the state, will amount to \$2,165,000. Of this amount, \$1,560,000 represents payments made by the factories in Northern Colorado, and \$795,000 to the amount paid out by factories in Weld county.

In this county, the Eaton factory disburses \$215,000. Windsor \$275,000 and Greeley \$295,000. The payment from these three factories, however, does not represent the entire amount of money paid to farmers of Weld county, as some farmers in the Kersey district, the Weldena valley and further south on the Union Pacific, ship their beets to factories outside of Weld, thus adding fully \$100,000 to the amount paid by the three Weld county factories and representing nearly \$300,000 that will be secured by Weld county farmers as Christmas money.

In addition to the Weld county factories the other factories in the state paid out as follows: Fort Collins, \$200,000; Loveland, \$345,000; Longmont, \$229,000; Sterling, \$300,000; Brush, \$125,000, and Fort Morgan, \$170,000. This is the last heavy payment that will be made by the company, as the remaining money to be received by the farmers will be for scattering returns of sliced beets and a short delivery during the present month.

Practically all the beets are disposed of now and but few dumps along the line are handling any. The factory is running at the rate of from 1300 to 1500 tons per day in the slicing department, and indications are now that the season will close at the factory about the last of this month.

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

THE cold weather is making much suffering for the poor this Christmas, and you who have plenty should not fail to share it with the needy.

The charity work in the city has heretofore been mostly done by the county and city authorities and by various church organizations. It can be better and more effectively done by a central organization, with which all other bodies will co-operate. This will avoid duplication and wasted energy.

Such a body is the Associated Charities. It is newly launched and as yet poorly supported, yet it is doing a world of good. It needs clothes, especially for children, food and other supplies, especially Christmas gifts.

There are no salaries or other expenses connected with the organization. The rent is donated, the autos donated and the time of the workers given freely. The needs they are supplying are real and urgent.

While there is no question but that the Belgians need all the aid we can give, and then some, they have all the world to draw upon, while our own needy have only our own communities, their own neighbors, to look to for assistance—so lend a helping hand.

FARNUM ESCAPES MURDER INDICTMENT

ROSEBURG, Dec. 21.—The grand jury returned an indictment charging Roy Farnum with statutory rape on the person of Miss Edna Morgan. A badly charred body, believed to have been that of Miss Morgan, was found in a burned barn near Glendale recently. Farnum was said to have been Miss Morgan's sweetheart. Farnum seemed pleased when informed that he had been charged with a lesser crime than murder.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO PUBLISHERS BANQUET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson today was invited to attend the annual dinner of the American Newspaper Publishers' association in New York next April, by Herbert L. Bridgeman of New York. The president doubted that he could accept because of his contemplated trip to Panama and San Francisco.

FOR CHRISTMAS Nothing nicer for Christmas than Governor Johnson and Mt. Pitt cigars in Christmas boxes.

COMMUNICATION.

To The Editor: I have been greatly interested in the beet sugar proposal which is before the people of Rogue River Valley.

They will make no mistake in placing the fullest confidence in any industry in which Mr. C. W. Nibley is interested. Mr. Nibley is a personal friend of mine, whom I have known for a number of years and he is a man of the strictest integrity.

I hope the people of Rogue River Valley awaken to this opportunity. Thirty below zero last night, 39 above at 12 (noon) today. Nothing like Medford. Merry Xmas. GEO. F. KING. Douglas, Wyo., Dec. 17.

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TRIPLE ALLIANCE OF SCANDINAVIANS

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 21, 1914. m.—The Russian press is convinced that the formation of a Scandinavian triple alliance may be announced at any time now as the result of the conference at Malmo, Sweden, last week, of King Haakon, King Gustave and King Christian.

The newspapers express the opinion that such an alliance could not possibly be a source of danger to Russia. They state that a concert of the Scandinavian powers would allay all apprehension concerning the possible pro-German sympathies of Sweden.

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