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## AGREEMENT WITH TRUST DISCUSSED

Question Whether Steel Combination Will Get Telephone's Chance.

### REPUBLICANS RAP PACT WITH TRUST

Democrats Claim It Means Big Business Will Follow Terms of Law.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Washington, Dec. 20.—Interest was still keen here today in the details of the agreement between the government and the American Telephone & Telegraph company, which will prevent litigation to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust law. Much discussion prevailed as to whether the compromise precedent would be extended to the steel trust.  
Democrats and Republicans were unable to agree as to the wisdom of the compromise. It was characterized by the Democrats as the most striking indication offered in a decade that "big business" has reached the conclusion that it is better to follow the terms of the Sherman law than fight it.

Republicans Disapprove.  
Republican congressmen flatly disapproved of the compromise. They declared the statement of former Attorney-General Wickersham to the interstate commerce commission last January showed law violations, discriminations and destruction of competition on the part of the "phone trust." They also insisted that its officials should be punished.  
Briefly, the agreement provides that the corporation shall dispose promptly of its holdings in the Western Union Telegraph company, so that each concern shall be entirely independent. The company agrees to not hereafter acquire control of other telephone companies, and where control of telephone company agrees to not hereafter actual physical union effected, to submit to the interstate commerce commission and the department of justice the course it is to pursue.

Better Than Court Fight.  
Officials of the department of justice declared today that the plan gave the government more than it could have hoped to obtain in court. President Wilson was greatly pleased with the compromise and he wrote Attorney-General McReynolds to this effect. One paragraph in the president's letter read:

"I gain the impression more and more from week to week that the business men of the country are sincerely desirous of conforming with the law, and it is very gratifying indeed to have occasion, as in this instance, to deal with them in complete frankness and to be able to show them that all we desire is an opportunity to co-operate with them. So long as we are dealt with in this spirit, we can help to build up the business of the country upon sound and permanent lines."

Will Not Affect Coast Case.  
It was announced by officials of the department of justice that the agreement will have no effect upon the suit filed several months ago to dissolve the Bell company's connection with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, the Pacific coast branch. It was announced this suit would be pressed to determine just how far the Sherman law applies to telephone companies.

For Government Ownership.  
Washington, Dec. 20.—Government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines is sought in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Lewis, of Maryland. The postoffice department, if the bill becomes a law, will take over these two public utilities January 1, 1915.  
The bill stipulates that the country's telephones shall be continued under government operation after January 1, 1915, and that the entire telephone and

## PASTOR OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS ROBBED OF \$300 IN VALUABLES

Burglar Enters Before Daylight and Ransack Rev. Gill's Home.

### ONE WINDOW PRIED UP

Entrance Effected and Robbery Committed Without Awakening Anyone in Parish House.

Walking into the bedroom of Rev. S. Gill, pastor of the Episcopal church, while the clergyman, his wife and two children were asleep there, a bold robber, sometime early today, ransacked the place and carried away with him a gold watch, a diamond ring and other jewelry valued at over \$300.  
This burglary was one of the most daring ever perpetrated in Salem, according to the police. Rev. and Mrs. Gill and the children retired early last night, and all slept in the same room. The thief entered by prying up a window, and, while the occupants of the house were slumbering, calmly went through the pastor's pockets, the jewel case standing on the dresser, and even opened bureau drawers without waking the sleeping family.  
The members of the family were unconscious of the fact that anyone had been in the house until this morning, when Rev. Gill looked for his watch.  
The police were notified immediately, but so far no clew has been found.

## TEACHERS WILL GATHER IN SALEM MONDAY FOR GREAT MEETING

It was estimated today that over 600 teachers will gather in Salem Monday to attend the thirteenth annual meeting of the Western Division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association. The sessions will be held in the house chamber at the capitol and will close Wednesday.  
The officers of the association are: J. H. Ackerman, president; J. Percy Wells, vice-president; H. H. Herdman, second vice-president; E. F. Carleton, treasurer, and L. A. Wiley, secretary.  
Among the prominent educators who will deliver addresses at the meeting are Superintendent Churchill, P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; W. J. Kerer, president of the Oregon Agricultural College; M. V. O'Shea, professor of education of the University of Wisconsin; William T. Foster, president of Reed College, and J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of Monmouth Normal school. The program of Monday will be as follows:  
1:15 to 2:00, president's address;  
2:00 to 2:45, address, "Looking Ahead," J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction; 3:00 to 3:45, address, "Educational Life," P. L. Campbell, president University of Oregon; 8:00, reception given by Salem Commercial Club.

### WIFE OF WARDEN AGAIN WITH EX-CONVICT PARAMOUR

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Emma Allman Tompkins, who fled from her husband, Major John W. Tompkins, former warden of San Quentin, to join W. F. Gordon, a released convict, in August, 1909, and who later returned to her husband, was with Gordon when he was arrested last night in a studio on California street, on a warrant issued in Seattle.  
Mrs. Tompkins' elopement with the convict was made known through his arrest on August 18, 1909, on a charge of passing a fictitious check. Mrs. Tompkins was living with him in an apartment.

### SOME CLASS TO AH GIN.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—Ah Gin, vegetable peddler, is so puffed with pride today that he can't see his feet. He hawks his wares now from an automobile. "Him cost \$900, but I get 'em back quick," he explained.

## Santa Claus and His Friends



### TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYED.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—With the mass meeting called for tomorrow as a starter, social workers and representatives of various local civic societies said

today that they expected next week to launch an extensive campaign for the relief of San Francisco's unemployed.

### WILSON TO TAKE VACATION.

Washington, Dec. 20.—That President

Wilson will leave Washington for a short vacation as soon as he has signed the currency bill, was announced definitely today. It will be spent at Pass Christian, Miss.

## RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE IN BUSINESS DUE

Head of American Telephone and Telegraph Company Says Government's Agreement With Trust Will Put Things on Right Basis—Also Asserts It Will Kill Movement for Government Ownership—Gigantic Task to Arrange Telephone Concern to Comply With Agreement—Does Not Know What Will Be Done With W. U. Stock.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
New York, Dec. 20.—Immediate restoration of complete confidence in big business circles as a result of the government's agreement with the American Telephone and Telegraph company was predicted here today by Theodore Vail, president of the corporation, in an interview with the United Press.  
"It gives me assurance," said Vail, "that legitimate business desires and means to end underground rumors of business depression and possible panic."  
"It will knock higher than a kite the movement for government ownership. I think it will end the movement for all time to come."

Details Not Arranged.  
"I have no idea yet of how our company will dispose of its \$30,000,000 worth of Western Union stock. The details are yet to be arranged. If we had any plan at this time for its disposal, it would practically amount to a confession that we had 'framed up something on the government.'"  
"The matter of making contracts with 20,000 independent companies for the use of our interstate and long distance lines will entail a gigantic amount of work. I fully realize that many complaints are bound to follow and will be filed with the attorney-general, charging us with giving the preference to our own subscribers in making long distance connections. We will meet this by instructing our own employes to give the preference to independent subscribers, whenever the question arises."

Says Never Was Merger.  
Vail then declared that the relations between the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Union were never in the nature of a merger, as the two services were not competitors.  
"The attorney-general," added Vail, "has been considerate of the material interests of the companies, as far as

was consistent with his duty to the public."  
The agreement for dissolution of the merger of the Western Union and the American Telephone and Telegraph's, caused a rise in both issues at the opening of the stock market today. On the first few sales the latter stock advanced to 124 1/2, a rise of 7 points. Western Union also manifested strength, rising a full point.  
The entire list was strong, gains of from 1 to 3 points being registered by a large number of representative issues.  
After a brief period of hesitation, prices reached higher level than before, except American Telephone, which dropped 3. Mackay preferred rose 3 and American Sugar, 4. Toward the end a slump of five points in Western Union and a setback in the telephone shares checked the upward movement, but there was little sympathetic recession and the close was near the top. Bonds were strong. The market closed stragg.

## HOPE OF GETTING BILL TO PRESIDENT TODAY IS ABANDONED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Washington, Dec. 20.—The currency bill came back to the house today. As passed by the senate last evening it was anything but the same bill that the house sent to the upper chamber some time ago. The senate had amended it considerably.  
Some congressmen were in favor of accepting bodily but not a majority. Some, even of those who liked it in the main, thought a few alterations ought to be made in it.

Consequently it was sent to conference. In the meantime, the senate had adjourned, precluding ratification of the measure, no matter how rapidly the conferees might work, before Monday. It was hoped, however, to have it in the president's hands for signature by Monday night.  
In turning the bill over to the conferees, the house instructed its representatives to accept the senate provisions relating to the re-discounting of six months paper and to five-year farm loans by national banks.  
A motion by Congressman Mann, Republican floor leader, to accept the Hitchcock instead of the Owen bill, was voted down 211 to 51.  
The house named only three conferees—Congressmen Glass, Korbly and Hayes. The senate chose nine—Senators Owen, Reed, O'Gorman, Pomeroy, Shafroth, Hollis, Nelson, Bristow and Crawford.

### SOCIAL HYGIENE EXHIBIT AT OLD BOARD OF TRADE.

After being viewed by over 100,000 residents of Oregon, a social hygiene exhibit is today in place in the old Board of Trade rooms, corner of State and Commercial, where everyone is invited to view it for a week. The exhibit was brought here particularly for the teachers of western Oregon, who will assemble here Monday, but everyone interested in the great moral movement now under way or who wishes to see the terrible results of ignorance or vice, should call during the week. The exhibit is in charge of Dr. Thomas Elliott, of Portland.

### The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, fair tonight, Sunday increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow, southeasterly winds.

"NYEENA KLOSH ILLAHEE."  
The little volume of poems published under the above title, will be found at Patton's Book Store Monday afternoon or Tuesday. It was expected they would have been ripe some weeks sooner, but men proposes and printers dispose of his ideas as best suits themselves. The volume is small, which the author asserts is its chief merit.  
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