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PHONE COMBINE IN MISSOURI

Negotiations Said to be Pending Whereby J. P. Morgan Will Gain Control of Extensive System.

SIG HOLDING COMPANY HELD FOR RANSOM

Kinloch Exchange of St. Louis is Not Figured in the Deal But Almost All Others Are.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Purchase of the independent telephone companies at Kansas City, Omaha, Lincoln, Neb., Topeka, Kan., Joplin, St. Joseph, Carthage and Webb City, Mo., and other cities from Rochester to Denver by J. P. Morgan & Co. was said yesterday by St. Louis telephone men to be imminent. If purchasing agreements on some of the plants and negotiations on others are carried out they will be taken over by a big holding company which the Morgan interests are to organize for their independent telephone companies. This holding company will be a part of the community of interests which, through the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, controls the Bell Telephone companies and the Western Union Telegraph companies.

The Kinloch Telephone company of St. Louis, the most important independent plant in the country, is not concerned in the negotiations. Officers of the Kinloch company yesterday said they were not negotiating with Morgan and the men on the other side said the same thing.

The two companies concerned in the negotiations in which St. Louisans are most largely interested are the Kansas City Home Telephone Company and the Detroit Home Telephone Company. St. Louisans own a majority of the stock of the Detroit company and a large part of the Kansas City company's shares. It was stated by a man in the Kansas City company that it had signed an agreement to sell, conditional on a valuation for the future earning capacity being added to the market valuation of the stock.

The Morgan interests, it was said, are willing to buy control of the independent companies on a basis of cash for shares or by exchanging for shares in the new holding company. A St. Louis director in the Detroit company said it had not given any option or signed any purchase agreement, but he said that the company was ready to open negotiations for a union of interests when other independents joined in. Important developments were expected, he said, at the convention of the National Independent Telephone Association in Chicago this week, but he would not forecast for a reasonable certainty that the deal would go through.

What St. Louis brokers are most interested in is the basis on which the stock of the different companies is to be taken in. A report yesterday emanating from one brokerage house, that stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph company was offered in exchange for Kansas City Home stock, was denied by another house interested in the merger on the Morgan side. This latter broker said:

"Any price set for Kansas City Home stock is purely problematical at this time. The extent of the allowance to be made the shareholders for future increase in earning capacity is being arbitrated. On its capital stock of \$3,000,000 it has been paying 8 per cent. In 1910 it earned in excess of 12 per cent and its earnings are estimated at 15 per cent. It expended \$475,000 last year in improvements, on which it will not get return until this year and future years and the stockholders want this taken into consideration in the purchase."

IS CRUELTY TO FLOWERS

French Horticultural Officer Wants Stop Put to the Artificial Coloring.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The president of the National Federation of Horticultural syndicates has asked the minister of agriculture to put a stop to the practice of dyeing flowers, as he objects, for aesthetic reasons, to green roses, even though they match the dress of the woman wearing them. Fashionable Parisiennes have discovered that, by placing the stalk of a cut flower in a chemical solution, the petals can be dyed. Some of the women go so far as to dye flowers to match their eyes. Aniline dyes are much used.

GRAVE ROBBERED OF THE BODY

Ghouls Break Open Mausoleum and After Opening Three Caskets, Make Away With One Corpse.

Body Found in River

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Feb. 9.—An inquest was held on the body of an unknown man taken from the river, apparently having been in the water several days. His head was crushed and the pockets of the clothing were turned inside out, indicating he was murdered and robbed. He was about 45 years old, weighing about 190 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, had black hair and red mustache. He was dressed in working clothes and wore blue shirt and woolen socks. There were no papers or marks by which he could be identified. The coroner had a photograph taken of the body at the inquest.

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 9.—The police force and private detectives are at work trying to capture the grave robbers who stole the body of Mrs. McCullom from the mausoleum in the cemetery here. Some time ago the family received a black hand letter demanding \$10,000. Mrs. McCullom was a member of a prominent Philadelphia family. From what can be learned, the body was taken for a ransom, but whether a demand has been made for money, cannot be learned. The interior of the mausoleum was wrecked by the robbers, and three caskets were opened in order to see what bodies were inside.

The discovery of the robbery was made by chance. A woman visitor touched one of the bronze doors and the door fell in with a crash, showing the open caskets. Investigation shows that the robbers had chiselled off the locks on the doors. The robbery was done about a week ago. The family has instructed the police to spare no efforts to recover the body and track the ghouls.

DARK HORSE ON THE TRACK

George W. Clark Receives One Vote For Senator in the Deadlock Ballot of Today.

NOT MUCH CHANGE

Kenyon Still Leading Young While Garst Makes Big Gain of Three Votes Over Yesterday.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—The eighteenth joint ballot today resulted in a deadlock the vote being as follows: Porter 53 Kenyon 43 Young 34 Funk 20 Garst 4 George W. Clark 1 The appearance of Clark in the vote indicates that a dark horse has been entered in the race.

World's Record For Dips. BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 9.—The world's record for "dips" has been broken at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium by Antone Lewis, who lifted himself 67 times, beating the previous record of 58, made by Foster of Cambridge in 1884. Lewis weighs 155 pounds.

Quincy Favors Pact. QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 9.—The Quincy Chamber of Commerce voted an endorsement of President Taft's proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada and wired Congressman Prince and Senators Lorimer and Cullom urging them to support the measure.

KING'S SONS AT SCHOOL

Edward and Albert Are Treated Just The Same as Any of the Other Pupils of the Class.

FOR PROTECTION OF THE ELK

California Does Not Permit the Killing of the Animal at Any Time of Year.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—King George has been considering the old problem—What to do with our boys? Assisted by a dense mass of court officials he has now come to a decision. The king has two sons who are beginning to grow up, Prince Edward, the prince of Wales, and Prince Albert. The former completes his course at the Naval College at Dartmouth in April. The latter still has two years to serve there. Edward is to be a soldier, Albert a sailor. Immediately he leaves Dartmouth, Edward will start to read for Oxford University, the swell college of Christchurch being the one he is destined to enter.

At Oxford he will lead exactly the same life and be subject to just the same routine and discipline as any other undergraduate. That is to say, he will not be allowed out in the street without the remains of a "mortarboard" on his head and a dilapidated gown reaching to his waist, and should he be caught by the two professors known as "protectors" who act as University policemen, without these two articles of weird apparel, he will be liable to a fine and detention in college.

Edward is entirely free from "edge." His companions at Dartmouth have seen to that very thoroughly. And neither his father nor his mother encourage him to do any high flying. For instance, when he was at Osborne College, he was kept on attending a garden party. He applied to the college authorities for permission and was rudely thrown down. So he wrote home to his father and implored the vengeance of heaven.

George inquired into the circumstances and found the college authorities were right. Thereupon he wrote to the boy telling him that at school he was just the same as any of his school fellows and under the same rules. Furthermore if he had any more talk of this kind from him there would be a "licking" awaiting him when he got home.

When Edward leaves the University he will set out on a tour of the world accompanied by his brother. This is to be a big affair and he will be attended by a large suite. When this part of his education is finished then he will return to be initiated into the king line of business by his father. Albert, however, will take to the navy as a profession and will have to earn his promotion like any other officer.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity—Fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight. Rising temperature Friday. For Illinois—Fair tonight and Friday. Slightly colder tonight. For Iowa—Fair tonight with colder east portion. Friday fair with rising temperature. For Missouri—Fair tonight and Friday. Slightly colder east portion tonight.

Weather Conditions. Centers of low pressure are in the Upper Lake Region and in Eastern Tennessee this morning, the northern one being attended by snow in portions of the Lake Region and North-eastern states, and the southern by rains from the Gulf to Arkansas and Tennessee.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Friday, with somewhat colder tonight, and rising temperature Friday.

Local Observations. Feb. 9. Bar. Ther. Wind. With'r. 8 7 p. m. ... 30.30 33 SW Clear 9 7 a. m. ... 30.24 26 W Clear River above low water of 1864, 1 ft. Change in 24 hours, rise .2 feet. Mean temperature, 26. Highest temperature, 33. Lowest temperature, 15. Lowest temperature last night, 15. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

Tariff Board. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The house bill for a tariff board was recommended to the senate for passage today by the committee. Up to the People. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 9.—The house has passed a bill to submit to the vote of the people a proposition for a new law which will prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the state.

EDDY WILL CONTEST ON

More Complications in the Contest Over the Estate of Two Millions Left By Christian Scientist.

PAUPERISM IN LONDON DECREASES

Adoption of Old Age Pension System Has Cut Down the Former List.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—Another complication in the contest over the \$2,000,000 estate of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science denomination, is threatened. George W. Baker of this city, son of a deceased brother of Mrs. Eddy, has decided to take steps to determine his status in the matter. Mr. Baker's attorneys notified the Merrimack county superior court that on Feb. 11 they will file a petition, asking permission for Mr. Baker to intervene in the suit now pending in that court, brought by George W. Glover of Lead, S. D., Mrs. Eddy's son and Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy, of Waterbury, Vt., against Henry M. Baker, executor of the Eddy estate.

In this suit the claim is set up that the portion of Mrs. Eddy's will leaving the residue of her estate to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, is invalid because of certain New Hampshire and Massachusetts statutes forbidding the bequest of more than a specified amount to any single church. Mr. Baker's petition, the attorneys state, will be based on the claim that if the court shall declare the bequest of the church invalid, the residuary estate as next of kin. Mr. Baker will maintain, say his lawyers, that George Glover and Dr. Foster Eddy forfeited the rights of inheritance when, four years ago, they signed a contract under which they received a financial consideration and agreed not to contest Mrs. Eddy's will.

HORSE RADISH FACTORY FOR TRAMPS

Converted Actress and Slum Worker Conducts Home for the Friendless.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Flora M. "Sister" Bilkins, a converted actress and at present slumworker and humanitarian, has fitted up a house at No. 601 Monroe street, Spokane, and made it a home for friendless prisoners and ex-convicts who are released from the city and county jails, as well as the state penitentiary. The house is fitted up with sleeping quarters for the men who pay for their lodging and board by aiding her in the manufacture of horse radish and hominy, which she sells to the public. Mrs. Bilkins lives at 1001 Ide avenue. "There are men in Spokane today doing good work," said Mrs. Bilkins, and some in business for themselves, who came to me from the jails without a friend and started in this way to make good. Each man is a partner of this firm as long as he wants to stay, but if he will not work he must go. I raise chickens also and some of the men attend to these for their board." She says if the city will appropriate sufficient money to start a municipal home, this cooperative plan can be made to work so that the running expenses of the home would be taken care of.

GOT \$300 FOR HEARING CUSS WORDS

Street Car Company Must Pay Damages For Permitting Passengers to Listen.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9.—Because Miss Rose Chadima, a South St. Paul girl, was obliged to listen to abusive language while riding on a car, Judge John W. Finnout has directed the street railway company to pay her \$300 damages. The case grew out of the failure of the conductor to eject the cause of the annoyance. A laborer got on the car and used profanity and vile epithets. Miss Chadima was obliged to listen to the talk all the way to South St. Paul. Because of the annoyance she sued for \$500 and a jury in the municipal civil branch of the municipal court awarded her \$300 damages.

ANOTHER NIGHT WAS PEACEFUL

Juarez not Attacked Probably Because Moving Pictures Could Not Be Secured.

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Aeroplane is Busy. SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 9.—First Lieutenant D. Poulous of the signal corps U. S. A. was assigned to aeroplane scout duty along the Mexican border. He will continue his daily flights in spite of his narrow escape of yesterday.

Mormons Are Peaceful. SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 9.—Elder A. W. Ivins of the Mormon church says that the Diaz government is trying to influence the Mormon colonists in Chihuahua to take up arms against the rebels, but they have refused and are appealing to the United States.

Cameras Are Barred. EL PASO, Feb. 9.—Aside from the moving of Orozco's outpost to a point nearer Juarez, no hostile move was made today by either side. Both sides have settled down to await developments from the south of Juarez. In Juarez, efforts to fortify the city have been renewed. The federal troops are stationed in the church and principle streets. Cameras are barred from the city and a number of outfits have been confiscated.

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NEW ACTIVITY AT DANVILLE

Grand Jury is Rumored to Have at Last Got Track of Something.

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