

TRACTION WAR IS AT AN END

Important Decision by Judge Grosscup in Hard Fought Battle in Chicago.

BETTER SERVICE PROMISED MILLIONS FOR BETTERMENT OF SYSTEM PROMISED.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A sale of the properties of the North Chicago Street Railway company, the West Chicago Street Railroad company and the Chicago Union Traction company under a decree of foreclosure was ordered today by Judge Grosscup, sitting in the United States circuit court. The sale is to take place at noon on January 25, 1908, at the county courthouse, under the direction of H. W. Bishop, who was appointed a special master commissioner by the court some months ago, a lease of all the lines of street railroads operated by them. The lease is to expire on Feb. 2, 1927.

Better Service for Public. It is taken for granted that the Chicago Railways company will be the only bidder for the property at the sale, and the order of the court is in effect merely a form of a plan worked out for the rehabilitation of the Union traction system by the Chicago Railways company. The decree means, it is said, that at last the patrons of the traction lines on the north and west sides of the city are to receive the improvements in service made obligatory by the terms of the new franchise ordinance.

The sale was ordered under the consolidated foreclosure suits of the Central Trust company and the Guaranty Trust company of New York, the Fidelity Trust company of Philadelphia.

What It Really Means. Judge Grosscup, in affirming the decree, said: "What the entry of these orders means is that two million people have at last come to an understanding with some twenty thousand people, constituting the creditors, bondholders and stockholders of the old Union traction system, whereby, as nearly as human judgment can reach, such as two million people get what is due them as a community, the twenty-odd thousand get what is due them as a body and each of the twenty thousand gets what is due him as an individual. It was the ordinance of February last that made such a settlement possible. The extension ordinance of last September saved it from disaster. The agreement today practically closes it."

Following the acceptance on Feb. 1 of the ordinance by which the Chicago Railways company will come into possession of the traction properties affected by the decree, the railways company will immediately begin rehabilitation of the lines at a cost of \$12,000,000, and within three years must have rebuilt at least 90 miles of single track and put in operation at least 1,300 new cars.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause of the world over "Cure a Cold in One Day. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box.

BURGLARS' RICH HAUL. Loot Department Store Safe of More Than \$5,000 in Fresno.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 26.—Perhaps the most daring safe-cracking job ever attempted in Fresno county was brought to a successful termination last night, when burglars, with the aid of drills, smashed the combination lock on the inside of the big vault in E. Gotschalk's dry goods store, on the corner of Tulane and I streets, and made away with upwards of \$5,000 in gold, silver, scrip and jewelry, besides several checks. The crackmen entered through an inner door fastened with an iron latch, broke this open, and from there proceeded immediately to the vault.

WOULD RECOVER PUBLIC FUNDS. Kansas City, Dec. 26.—Jackson county, Missouri, through the county counselor, today brought suit against the suspended National Bank of Commerce and its surety bondsmen for the recovery of county funds deposited in the bank to the amount of \$302,000. The amount of the bond is \$1,000,000. Among the bondsmen are the following officers of the bank: W. S. Woods, president; W. A. Runk, cashier; and W. H. Williams, vice president.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning the great "Money-Back" Shoe Sale starts. Store closed today.

DAVIS SHOE CO.

Well-screened, clean Castle Gate, Clear Creek, Winter Quarters nut and lump coal delivered at \$5.75, at yard \$5.25 per ton.

BAMBERGER COAL COMPANY.

BALMY BREEZE FLIRTS WITH BIG SEAGULL--WESS GOES ON WARPATH

Warbling softly a melodious Indian love song to Balmy Breeze, a little Indian maid, drinking bad fire water and fighting Big Seagull, a rival for the maiden's hand, were the pastimes that led Indian Wess to start on his warpath. Late of Skull valley, but now of the Indian camp at First South and Fourth West, to the point where the Big Seagull will have his mail sent temporarily in care of the city jail.

WILL STUDY AUTOMOBILE RAILROADS CHANGE TIME

Young Men's Christian Association to Teach Tricks of the "Red Devil."

Preliminary announcement of the opening of the automobile school on Jan. 14 has just been made by the Young Men's Christian association's educational department. This is the second year of the school, the Salt Lake school having been one of half a hundred Y. M. C. A.'s in North America which conducted this school last year.

The course of instruction for the coming season has been built upon the experience of last year. The principal instructor of the local association, was sent east during last summer to study the methods of various schools in this season's curriculum.

Shop work and the actual handling of motor and machine parts will be the important feature of this year's work. The students will tear down and reassemble the various parts of an automobile, and will trace and remedy "trouble" Machines will be purposely "queered" in order to test the ability of the students. Tuesday night will be lecture night and Thursday and Friday nights will be given over to the study of the automobile in the rooms and the demonstrations at 54 South State street.

The lecturers and lecturers for the course are: James F. Dunn, superintendent of motive power and machinery, O. S. L. R.; Alfred E. Egan, S. H. Shyman, F. Savage, Tom Botterill and L. C. Snow.

The instruction will be under the general supervision of Professor E. H. Beckstrand of the University of Utah. He will be assisted in delivering the lectures by local and important automobile experts, A. O. Whitmore will direct instruction in the electric machines.

The lecture and shop courses will begin Jan. 14, and will continue two months. At the conclusion of this preparatory course the students will begin, each student having charge of a car for six or more lessons.

HOTEL UNDER QUARANTINE

Fifty Guests of Elko House Have Unpleasant Experience as Result of Discovery of Smallpox.

The Elko hotel, on South Main street, was quarantined yesterday on account of the discovery of a case of smallpox. Fifty guests were quarantined at night, and the hotel entrances in front and rear were guarded all night by policemen. The place will be released from quarantine today.

C. F. Mogle, a telegraph operator, was the victim of the disease. He was residing in the hotel house yesterday morning. The disease began with the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, who occupied room adjoining that of Mogle. They came to Salt Lake from Seattle five weeks ago. Ten days later Mrs. Hanson was taken ill with smallpox. The husband contracted the disease from his wife and both were taken to the pesthouse.

Following the discovery of this case in the hotel, yesterday morning, Police Surgeon Samuel G. Paul vaccinated everybody in the hotel house yesterday morning, and officials from the health department fumigated the entire hotel.

COLORED SOLDIERS AGAIN. Discharge by President Roosevelt to Be Tested in Court.

New York, Dec. 26.—Papers in a case to test the legality of the discharge of the privates of companies B, C, and D of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry (colored), following the disorder in the streets of Brownsville a year ago, were filed today in a law firm of this city.

The lawyers do not make public the names of the persons by whom they have been retained, simply saying they live in New England and "believe that the discharge of the men from the service of the United States in the absence of any decision by a court-martial or a civil court that any one of their number participated in this disturbance is wholly unjustified and violates the rights secured to these men by both the constitution and the laws of the United States."

Oscar W. Held, who was a private in company B prior to his discharge "without honor," has been selected as the plaintiff in the action. The suit has been brought to recover \$32,162, the amount to which Held says he would be entitled from the time of his discharge Nov. 15, 1906, to July 18, 1907, when the terms of his enlistment would have expired.

Held was one of the men arrested by the civil authorities in Brownsville after the trouble, but was discharged by the court. His case also was heard by the grand jury, which refused to hold him. He now lives in this city.

JOHN BULL LIKES TEDDY. His Imperialism Touches the Heart of the Thunderer.

London, Dec. 26.—The Times in an editorial this morning rejoices at the improved prospects of peace in Central America resulting from the recent congress held at Washington which it regards as a great triumph for President Roosevelt's diplomacy. The Times adds that it is an instance of the best way in which to reduce internationalism may be put, and that it is just because America is becoming an imperial power and awakening to the responsibility implied in this that she has been able and willing to undertake this task of pacification.

RALEIGH GOES "DRY." Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—By a majority of 54 Raleigh today voted out its liquor license, and will become a prohibition city, the dispensary to close at noon tomorrow. In the city there were 28 votes for prohibition, 281 for dispensary and 2 for saloons. The dispensary has been in operation here for four years. The sales have amounted to \$1,000,000, this being placed to the credit of the school fund, the road fund and the city expense account. The reduced taxation but voters have felt that its influence was not for the city's best interests.

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The greatest values you ever saw. Come in this morning and avoid the rush.

MANY ART FORGERIES. Movement for National Law to Class Them as Crimes.

New York, Dec. 26.—That America is as good a field for the art forger as is any country of Europe is the statement made by Charles E. Cookman, who advocates an act of Congress to make the forging of an artist's name after his death a crime. Art forgers, Mr. Cookman says, are induced, sometimes by actual want, to do this sort of work, for dealers reap the benefit from the deception.

LEAKY SHIP SAVED. Brought to Port After Terrific Battle With Sea.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Leaking at the rate of a bucket a minute, the men on board the American ship Beskin, M. Phelps, bound for Seattle, in a ballast, were rescued from the storm off this port this morning and arrived in the harbor shortly before noon. So desperate was the struggle waged by the members of the ship's crew to make San Francisco lest their vessel sink, that they were unable to land this morning on the verge of collapse.

READY MONEY. (Duncan Smith in Nashville American.) A dollar gives you confidence. A five makes you walk on air. A ten makes you feel like a king. Without a thought of care. With fifty large ones right away you feel your own true worth. But get a hundred dollar bill—Ah, well, you own the earth.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (The Circle.) Then you went to sleep at last, to dream. First, Santa got the bolts stuck in the chimney and your father had to go up on the roof and poke them down with a clothespole. When you finally pulled them out and wiped the soot off, they turned into a woolly cow, which began to eat the tily on your mother's rocking chair, and then—it was sort of gray and spooky when you woke up, and mighty cold. It was a minute or so before you realized that it was Christmas at last.

CHICAGO'S CRIME WAVE. Bold Hold-Up in La Salle Street Railway Station.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Five men, one of whom carried a revolver, today robbed two other men in the waiting room of the La Salle street railway station. Two of the robbers were arrested within a few minutes and a third two hours later. The others escaped. Joseph Schmidt of Crete, Ill., and another man were alone in the main waiting room of the big terminal station when two men sat down beside them, and a third stood before them threatening with a revolver while the robbery was in progress. The thieves obtained only \$15.

MISSOURI PACIFIC MAKES DISTRIBUTION OF 2 1/2 PER CENT. New York, Dec. 26.—The directors of the Missouri Pacific railway today declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable in the company's stock. George J. Gould, president of the company, gave out the following formal statement: "Although the surplus, actual and estimated, for the last six months of the year amply warranted the payment of dividends at the