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## "THERE COULD BE NO MONEY TRUST"

J. P. Morgan, Before Pujo Committee,  
Declares That The Question of  
Control is Personal.

## HE BELIEVES IN COMBINATION

Famous Financier, Now Bowing  
With Age, Prefers it to Competition.  
—Does Not Feel Vast Powers.

## WAS ON THE STAND ALL DAY

Was Excused at 3:42 Thursday and  
Investigation Adjourned to  
January 6.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Pujo money trust investigating committee adjourned late yesterday afternoon until January 6 when it will resume its investigations. The committee kept J. P. Morgan on the stand until 3:42 in the afternoon.

"There could be no money trust. All the banks and all the money in Christendom could not control money. The question of control is personal as to money and credits," declared Mr. Morgan yesterday, to the committee.

The financier was led up to his answer by the questioning of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, who asked Mr. Morgan if "he did not admit he had vast power and did not feel it. Once, when the lawyer and the witness got into a discussion of competition and combination, Mr. Morgan said: "I'd rather have combination than competition. I like a little competition but I like combination better. Control is the important thing; without it you can't do a thing, but no one man could monopolize money. One man might get control of railroads or merchandise, but never money and credit."

Mr. Morgan's declaration that there "could be no money trust," emphasized by a vigorous bang with his fist on the arm of his chair, came toward the end of the committee's morning session at which the financier testified as to the relations of the house of Morgan with several great corporations. Mr. Morgan testified that he had approved the prices at which the subsidiaries of the United States Steel corporation were taken into the big corporation. Mr. Untermyer asked if he had not named the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, but Mr. Morgan only said he might have "decided who should not go on."

His holdings of certain bank stocks he characterized as "not very much—about a million dollars," when a laugh went around the financier joined in heartily.

Mr. Morgan, surrounded by nearly a dozen of his partners and attorneys, answered all questions with apparent freedom. He agreed that through "voting trusts," several of which existed in his company, a few trustees could name the directors, who in turn would name the officers of the great interstate industrial or railroad corporations.

Mr. Morgan denied, however, that he believed interlocking directorates where two or three men held directorships in several banks, trust companies or corporations, could bring about control and a unity of action. He declared that without a majority on the boards such men could not dictate affairs or control the corporations.

The financier took issue with Mr. Untermyer as to the opportunity offered a few men to control general banking conditions, through such participation as Morgan & Co. have on the boards of directors of the leading banks of New York.

Morgan showed little of the testy, tart disposition so generally attributed to him.

Almost extravagant politeness marked his examination.

"I'd tell you frankly enough if I objected to your questions," Morgan retorted to Untermyer at one time.

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## TRANSFER FREIGHT HERE

Beginning next Monday, or as soon after as is practicable, the Minnesota and International road will transfer all of its freight for points north and south on the road in the Bemidji warehouse. Heretofore this work has been done in the twin cities, at the Minnesota transfer, in Duluth and Brainerd. The new arrangement will allow for the sending of freight in bulk to Bemidji and then it will be broken up into small package lots for local freight. The work will be handled here under the supervision of George Walker and will take several extra warehousemen.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS GIVEN IN THE SCHOOLS THIS AFTERNOON

Each of the two rooms of the same grade in the Central building combined this afternoon for a Christmas program. The first, second, third and fourth grades each had a Christmas tree and the children were allowed to give each other presents.

In the high school, the high school and grade students assembled for a program prepared under the supervision of Miss Knappen and Miss McDonald. The new boys' glee club was introduced for the first time. Following is the high school program: Song, "The Christmas Tree," Grammar Glee club "Joe's Search for Santa Claus".

.....Jane Hayner

Debate—"Have we good reasons for believing the reign of universal peace and good will is at hand."

Song, "Nazareth,".....

.....High School Girls' Glee club

.....Lottie McDonald

Readings from Dicken's "Christmas Carol."

A—"Two Views of Christmas"

.....Earle Riley

B—"The Christmas Party at Scrooge's Nephew, Monna Flesher"

C—"Christmas at Bob Cratchit's"

.....Dorothy Torrance

Song, "Anchored,".....

.....High School Boys' Glee club

## CLEVER HAIR DRESSER CAUGHT AFTER WORKING FOREIGNERS

By United Press.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Posing as a rich Rumanian countess condemned to a loveless marriage with a Serbian prince, Lydia Mehle, hairdresser's assistant, has been sent to prison for swindling wealthy and amorous Berliners. Attracted by her beauty, alleged title and wealth, a prominent government official was easily persuaded to take the "Countess Dermusie" out to dinner on evenings, and to lend her \$100 to enable her to return home to ask papa's permission to call off the Serbian match.

She wrote him loving letters from Rumania, but police inquiries developed that she had gone there to hire out as a governess at \$10 a week. It was also proven at the trial that she had told another wealthy Berliner, an architect, that she had been able to break off the Serbian engagement in order to marry her new admirer, whereupon elaborate betrothal festivities were arranged at a fashionable hotel. The prospective bridegroom readily furnished her with a costly trousseau, and when she remarked that the emperor of Austria had accepted an invitation to shoot on one of her estates, he added a couple of maids and a lackey.

The police believe that she swindled others similarly before being caught, but that they refrained from making complaint for fear of public ridicule.

## SERVIANS HUNG MURDERER AFTER TRACKING HIM ALL DAY

By United Press.

Belgrade, Dec. 20.—Marching against the Turks a company of Serbian troops found an opportunity of avenging a two-year-old crime, by hanging Abdul Shalan, a notorious frontier brigand. Two years ago Abdul treacherously deceived a Serbian schoolmaster to his home near Guilam and shot him, afterwards boasting of the deed and defying the Serbians to capture him. The schoolmaster was a popular writer of national songs, and finding themselves in the neighborhood of Guilam, a company of infantry obtained leave to hunt the murderer. They tracked him to his lair, and a gypsy was found to act as hangman.

## SANTA'S "O. K."



## FORETOLD THE ELECTION

Governor-Elect Sulzer, of New York,  
Won Many Votes By Open Door  
Policy.

## COLORED PORTER WAS WISE

By United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—There is an interesting tale in the origin of the "open door policy" which Governor-elect Sulzer has announced will mark his administration at Albany. According to Sulzer the idea was originated by an old colored porter who had charge of the car in which he canvassed the Empire state prior to the election and it is to the old negro that he gives credit for the idea.

During the strenuous campaign days it was the habit of the candidate to return to his car in the evenings and, before retiring, to partake of a late supper consisting of a sandwich or so. The old negro, whose name could not be recalled but which the governor-elect says is positively the longest of any except possibly the titled heads of Europe, was known as "Uncle" to all.

It was near the end of the campaign when the candidate returned to the car late one evening for the customary refreshment. The day had been especially strenuous. Three speeches had been delivered and another was scheduled for that night. The candidate was tired. "Uncle," with his trained powers of observation, noticed this and remarked:

"Mister Sulzer, don't you go and worry about dat selection cause you is gwine to win most sartinly. I'm got dat premonition."

Thereupon the candidate resumed his campaign tactics, asking "Uncle" for whom he intended to cast his ballot.

"Ise gwine to vote for you boss. We niggers know dat de man up at Albany has done pulled his latch string inside and dey say you is going to put it out agin. I suspect though dat it is going to be too high for most of poor coons to reach."

The following day the gubernatorial candidate made use of the "open door policy" for the first time in the campaign. He has since promised to put the string out again, low enough for anyone that wishes to reach.

## Sizing Him Up.

When you call the average young man honest he is likely to feel a mild sort of gratification. When you call him competent his chest begins to bulge. When you call him a heart-breaker he slaps you on the shoulder and gives you to understand that he considers you a person of remarkable preception and unerring judgment.

## Five Days to Christmas

# Dec. 20

Did You Ever Get Left?  
Well, You Will if You Don't  
Do That Christmas Shopping  
at Once That Means Right  
Off—This Minute—NOW.

## THE LEOPARDS COMING

Brinkman Theater First Secured Polar Bears and Now Present a Second Animal Show.

## TO BE HERE OVER CHRISTMAS

Commencing with a matinee Sunday afternoon and ending with a performance Christmas night, the Brinkman theater will stage an animal act of trained leopards as its special holiday attraction. The arrangements were completed over long distance with Fargo yesterday and the act comes as an extra Christmas booking.

The act is said to be one of the best trained animal performances on the smaller vaudeville circuits. It will be the second animal show to be seen in Bemidji this winter as the Brinkman staged Adler's polar bears several weeks ago. Following the leopard act, the Brinkman will present a musical comedy company Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

## PREPARED FOR MONTHS TO SEE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN BUT IT RAINED ALL DAY

By United Press.

London, Dec. 20.—The official report of the British Scientific expedition's fruitless journey to the mountains of Brazil to observe the total eclipse of the sun on October 10—it rained all day—is thus summarized: Duration of eclipse, 113 seconds; preparation of charts and instruments at Greenwich Observatory, three months; length of journey out and back, 12,400 miles; absence from England, ten weeks; equipment carried, three tons; net results, nil.

## ARE TAKING TESTIMONY

District Court Now is Hearing Evidence in the Moon-Harris Election Contest Case.

## PUT BJELLA ON THE STAND

L. T. Bjella, judge of elections in the towns of Frohn, was placed on the witness stand in the district court this morning and he testified as to the regularity of the Frohn election and the count of the ballots. Mr. Bjella had not finished his testimony at noon and was again placed on the stand this afternoon.

C. O. Moon, one of the principals in the case, was put on the stand by his counsel yesterday afternoon and was subjected to a severe cross-examination. He was asked to tell of his duties as deputy county auditor, and was quizzed as to his part in the checking in of the election ballots. Mr. Moon testified that as far as he knew, Mr. George, Mr. Alsop and himself were the only persons who knew the combination of the auditor's vault.

James L. George, the county auditor, was placed on the stand this morning and he also was asked to tell of the work of the office. He was subjected to a cross-examination by the defense.

## GOOD MEETING AT BECIDA

Miss Bull and Messrs. McLaren, Nelson and Flesher drove to Becida yesterday for the farmers meeting held there and found an audience of about forty persons. The addresses were made in the afternoon and the four returned to Bemidji about seven o'clock. This morning they went to La Porte and will be in Guthrie this evening. The meeting in Walker tomorrow will finish the run of two weeks. Mr. Nelson will return to Bemidji and Miss Bull and Mr. McLaren will go to Minneapolis from Walker.

## TAFT ACCEPTS CHAIR AT YALE

Washington, Dec. 19.—Taft has decided to accept the proffer of the Kent professorship of law at Yale, and probably will take up his duties at New Haven early in the spring. Taft gave several reasons for the decision. He said that owing to the fact that he had appointed most of the members of the United States supreme court he felt he couldn't appear in cases before that tribunal and that he had named many federal judges in Ohio and didn't desire to practice law in that state. According to the Yale contract he can engage in any other occupation he desires, not being restricted merely to lecture to Yale students.

## THE POLITICAL POT IS BOILING AGAIN

After Short Rest of a Month Local Politicians Lining up For Another Struggle.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION SOON

Four Aldermen, a Mayor and a Police Judge to Be Elected in February.

## DEMOCRATS AFTER THE OFFICES

Two Have Eyes on Postmastership; Russell Wants Cass Lake Land Office.

After a rest from politics of about one month, Bemidji will soon be in the throes of another campaign as the pot for city officers has already started to boil. In addition to this, the few Democrats of which the city can boast are lining up for federal appointments.

In February, the city will elect an alderman from each ward, a mayor, and a judge of the municipal court. The first of January the mayor will be forced to appoint a new chief of police when Chief Gell assumes the duties of county treasurer. Certain federal appointments are to be made soon and the Democrats are lining up already.

It is said that Charles Hoyt, an insurance solicitor, is slated by Mayor Malzahn to succeed Chief Gell as head of the Bemidji police. This appointment will have to go to the council for ratification but the mayor is usually allowed to have his own way with the police.

John Moberg from the First ward, Sherm Bailey from the Second, Joe Bislar from the Third, and C. C. Crippen from the Fourth will be up for re-election. As far as can be learned at this time no opposition has yet come out in the open.

Three or four different dark horses are being groomed for mayor as all factions seem to wish to unite to beat Mayor Malzahn. It is recognized that in a split field his chances for re-election will be first-class and harmony will be the key note of the opposition.

Anton Erickson's term as postmaster will not be finished until 1916 and the only way to get the office open for appointment is to have him removed by petition. It is understood that L. F. Johnson has his eye on the job but unless some such petition is circulated, he will have to wait three years for his chance at the appointment.

Other Democrats who are said to be lining up for federal appointments are A. P. Ritchie who would be a candidate for the postmastership in case there is a vacancy; P. J. Russell, who is said to have his eye on the office of receiver of the land office at Cass Lake; L. G. Pendergast who has been groomed for municipal judge; and William Russell, son of P. J., who is being groomed for clerk of the municipal court to replace D. C. Smyth.

It is believed that the municipal campaign this winter will be fought out on clean cut lines and that party politics will be forgotten as far as possible. There is a decided movement in the city for the commission form of government and some effort will be made during the year to have a charter drawn up and a special election held.

## CHANGE IN LUMBER FIRM

The M. E. Smith Lumber company has been dissolved and the Smith-Robinson Lumber company is now conducting the business. The new firm is composed of M. E. Smith, Anna B. Smith and William Z. Robinson. Incorporation papers for the new company were filed December 10 and the capital stock is given as \$50,000. Mr. Robinson, who by the incorporation takes an interest in the firm, was formerly instructor in sciences in the Bemidji High school.