Motor Company plan to distribute a $10,000,000 melon to employes.

"Some people will say Ford can't afford to do that," said the Secretary. "That kind of talk is foolish. It doesn't depend on whether he can afford it or not. I see in this, as in the removal of Morgan members from directorates, a great step forward. It is a social advance, recognizing the value of men, which may be, and I hope is, epochal.

"One must not discuss the details of such a plan because this may only be done by one who knows the details of the business, but the broad principle involved of recognition of the essential value of the men, and the equity of appraising that value at its true worth is entirely sound."

Asked if he viewed this step as only one move of business men to avoid the growth of socialism, the secretary replied:

"It is social advance."

Assistant Secretary of Labor Post declared he was pleased with the Ford move. As a single taxer he made this comment:

"It is a good thing to have a partisanship such as this, but such things will not amount to a great deal in this country until the landowner, too, shares his profits."

TWO DOZEN FORFEIT TRAFFIC BAIL BONDS

Monday's Police Harvest Fails to Produce Any of Accused in Court.

Of the twenty-four motorists or motorcyclists arrested on Monday on charges of violating the traffic law, not one appeared in the Police Court today to stand trial. Bonds ranging from $1 to $5 were furnished by the accused.

In the one traffic case heard by Judge Mullowny a bandaged arm figured. James M. Saunders, a milk dealer, holding the injured arm up at the court's view, said that an automobile truck driven by Phillip Walker, colored, ran him down on Fourth street, near Oakdale street, and aside from injuring his arm, inflicted painful hurts to his back. The story told by Saunders was corroborated by three witnesses. Walker pleaded guilty, but said he thought Saunders was going to turn back. He paid a $10 fine.

Of the twenty-four arrests, eight were made for speeding. The list follows:

For failing to stop when street car approached to discharge passengers—Clarence Sternson, $2; Frank Day, $3; James Medley, $2; Gallie Brown, $5; Edward J. Johnson, $2; Noble R. Venis, $2.

For speeding—Sam Shapiro, $5; Harry J. Williams, $5; Warren M. York, $2; Carl Budwersky, $5; Joseph L. Hardy, $5; Arnold Hogan, $5; Otto Keeler, $5; Leo C. Sonnelly, $5.

Failing to turn to right, failure to stop on signal of policeman, absence of lights, etc.—Thomas Sellman, $5; Francis Thomas, $1; Charles Wimberly, $2; Warren M. York, $5; Richard S. Galloway, $3; Eugene Malone, $2; Robert Bowles, $5; Gordon Bartley, $1, and Arnold Hogan, $5.

Gets Year for Trying To Entice Little Girl

Found guilty of attempting to entice Mabel Goodenough, twelve years old, of 635 Maryland avenue southwest, to run away with him, Henry Moore, who said he was formerly employed by the Washington Terminal Company, was today sentenced to one year in jail by Judge Mullowny. In payment of a fine of $200 the jail sentence will be lifted. The girl said Moore walked along Pennsylvania avenue with her and asked her to run away with him. Moore said he talked with the little girl, but meant nothing malicious.

WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Probably cloudy tonight and Wednesday; warmer.

For Maryland—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate, variable winds.

For Virginia—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight in northern portion; warmer Wednesday; moderate, variable winds.

For Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate east to southeast winds.

For Delaware—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate east to southeast winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affleck's:

U. S. BUREAU.		AFFLECK'S.	
8 a. m.	30	8 a. m.	25
9 a. m.	30	9 a. m.	27
10 a. m.	30	10 a. m.	33
11 a. m.	30	11 a. m.	38
12 noon	35	12 noon	43
1 p. m.	37	1 p. m.	47
2 p. m.	38	2 p. m.	48

TIDE TABLE.

High tide 3:00 a. m. and 3:23 p. m.
Low tide 9:28 a. m. and 10:20 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises.....7:16 | Sun sets.....4:55

LOSS OF POODLE DISTRESSES BOY

WILLIE MASSARI.

Somewhere in Washington there is a poodle, eight months old, the playmate of this boy. "Snookums" is the name of the dog, and she has been missing from Willie's home, 318 C street northwest, for two weeks. He's a very lonesome little boy, is Willie, since his pet went away, and today he asked The Times to help locate her.

"I am writing to see if you will please try and help me find my dog Snookums which I lost," a letter stated. "She is a female white poodle, eight months old. I am very sad since I lost her. Please try and help me find her."

The youthful owner promises a reward for the return of the canine.

HESS MADE HEAD OF BOTANIC GARDENS

George W. Hess, formerly of this city, and for the past seven years engaged in operating a demonstration farm near Jacksonville, Fla., has been appointed Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens. He will assume his new duties within a few days.

Mr. Hess was born in Washington forty-nine years ago. At the age of sixteen he entered the flower business here with John Saul. He later worked for a number of the leading florists of the country, among them Muir, of Chicago.

He was associated with the late Edwin A. Mosely for years at the latter's place in Kenilworth, D. C., where he made a specialty of violets and carnations. During his employment with Mosely these flowers were the best that could be had in the District, according to florists. He also earned an enviable reputation by his success in growing Chinese and other foreign vegetables.

When a disastrous fire put him out of the flower business he took a competitive examination under the civil service and entered the Government employ, with a rating of 100 per cent on the growing of foreign plants and 98 per cent on general gardening.

M'REYNOLDS TALKS TO NEW HAVEN HEAD

Begin First of Series of Conferences to Determine Upon Course of Action.

Conferences that will determine whether the Department of Justice shall press proceedings against the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and its allied interests, or a plan of voluntary dissolution can be arranged, were opened today between Howard Elliott, the New Haven president, and Attorney General for two hours this morning. Later he had an extended conference with J. W. Gregory, special assistant to the Attorney General, who, with Assistant Attorney General Adkins, recently completed an exhaustive investigation of New Haven affairs.

At the suggestion of Attorney General McReynolds, Mr. Elliott would not discuss what took place in the conferences. "Much as I hate the word," he said, "all I can say is that we are making 'progress.'"

First of a Series.

Asked if he would have any further conferences today, Mr. Elliott admitted that this would be only the first of a series of discussions he would hold with the Attorney General.

"I expect to be here several days," he said, "and the Attorney General may want to talk with me further."

Mr. Elliott was silent as to the interview he had Saturday with J. P. Morgan.

"While Mr. Morgan has quit the New Haven directorate," he said, "He still is interested as a stockholder in the company."

Developments of the last few days have brought the New Haven situation to a point where something is expected to "break" at once. Reporting to the Attorney General, Messrs. Adkins and Gregory are said to have recommended that the department take steps to divorce the New Haven completely from its competing rail holdings, and its control of water transportation lines, which were held to give that road a virtual monopoly of transportation facilities between New England and the West and South.

Has Made Overtures.

Already the road has made overtures to meet the department's wishes that it be made to conform to the Sherman law. An offer has been made to turn over its stock in the Boston and Maine to trustees to be appointed under the direction of the Attorney General, such trustees to dispose of its stock to others than New Haven stockholders. Another move made by the New Haven was the canceling of an agreement it held with the New York Central, by which the two roads shared jointly in the profits of the Boston and Maine.

Asked if he was taking up the demands of the Government singly and disposing of them one at a time, or whether the Attorney General had made his demands as a complete program which he insisted should be carried out, Mr. Elliot declared he would not discuss that.

Neither would he say whether the question of criminal prosecution of New Haven officers was discussed. The Gregory-Adkins report is said to call for prosecution of the old "Mellen ring."

Union Prayer Service Being Observed Today

Union services will be held this evening at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Thirteenth and Fairmont streets, as part of the program for the week of prayer. Rev. J. A. Campbell will speak on "What is the New Creature?"

Services are being held this afternoon at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G street northwest, under the charge of several denominations. Mrs. Fred Beall, of the Baptist Church; Mrs. W. B. Hartley, of the Methodist Protestant; Miss Birdie Washington, of the Presbyterian Church South, and Mrs. L. O. Baker, of the Lutheran Church.

The Protestant churches of the southwest will hold services every night this week at Ryland Methodist Episcopal Church. A chorus of fifty voices will sing.

POSTAL SLEUTHS ON ROBBERS' TRAIL

Fingerprint on One of the Windowpanes of Mt. Rainier Postoffice, and Horse Blanket and Old Rugs Left by Safecrackers Aid Authorities in Their Hunt.

A fingerprint on one of the windowpanes, a horse blanket, and several small rugs are means by which postoffice inspectors, aided by the Washington police and the authorities of Prince George county, hope to trail the yeggmen who early Monday morning cracked the safe in the Mt. Rainier, Md., postoffice and got away with $200 in currency and stamps.

The horse blanket and the rugs were used by the cracksmen to muffle the sound of the explosion. The fingerprint was discovered by Fred Sanberg, official photographer of the Washington Police Department, who visited the scene of the robbery Monday evening. The fingerprint was on the upper pane of the window through which the robbers gained entrance to the postoffice.

Sanberg was unable to take a copy of the fingerprint and it was necessary to remove the pane to preserve it.

The safe is of an old type, and a bolt in the door was removed so that the nitroglycerin could be poured inside. The cracks around the door were sealed with soap, and the fact that the explosion was so well muffled that it did not awaken the occupants of an adjoining house, only a few feet away from the postoffice, indicates, the police say, that the robbery was the work of experienced safe crackers.

It was pointed out today that the robbers did no experimenting, but had apparently gone to work like men familiar with the business. The safe was blown "clean," that is, the door was forced out by the explosion, but only a sufficient amount of explosive was used to accomplish this without wrecking the safe or even tearing the door from the hinges.

The horse blanket and the rugs found on the floor of the postoffice were old ones, and the postal inspectors think they may prove valuable clues.

SMALLPOX CHANGES BATTLESHIP PLANS

Daniels Blames Sailing Orders on Quarantine Placed on Guantanamo.

The fact that the Navy Department has been unable to raise the quarantine placed on the naval station at Guantanamo on account of the smallpox cases taken there from the battleship Ohio, was the reason given this morning by Secretary Daniels for another change in the plans for the winter battleship practice.

Under the new arrangement, the battleships and torpedo boats, suspected of being sent south as much on account of the Mexican situation as from a desire to provide them opportunity for winter maneuvers, either will remain the entire time at Culebra or base at Guaonanayabo Bay, on the south coast of Cuba.

According to Secretary Daniels, there now are nine virulent cases of smallpox and twenty-five suspects at Guantanamo.

The battleships which will take part in the winter practice include the Wyoming Utah, Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia—five of the most powerful dreadnoughts in the navy. Should the Administration decide on more drastic steps, the presence of these ships in southern waters will enable the United States to concentrate practically its entire naval strength at Mexico within a few hours after the decision is reached.

More than 100 persons witnessed the public installation of the officers of Equal Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, at Pythian Temple, Monday night.

TWENTY START ON HIKE FOR SUFFRAGE

Baltimore Clubwomen to Walk to State Capital to Impress Legislature.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 6.—Twenty Baltimore suffragists started at 9 a. m. today on a two-day hike over the thirty-two miles of turnpike to Annapolis to impress the Maryland legislature, which meets tomorrow. A bugle blast marked the start from the fashionable Just Government League's rooms in the shadow of Washington's mounment.

"Gen." Edna S. Latimer is the bearer of a petition for a ballot amendment to the constitution. Mrs. Donald R. Hooker is commander-in-chief, and Miss Lola Trax is next in command. The few privates of the army are prominent in club life.

The banners include three that have seen service in England. The route is by the Annapolis boulevard to Severna Park, where the night stop will be made. Annapolis will be reached early Wednesday.

The monthly meeting of the board of governor of the Retail Merchants' Association will be held in the rooms of the association in the Brentano building tonight at 8 o'clock.

PHONE CO. MUST NOT AID VIRGINIA BRANCH

Public Utilities Commission Denies Petition of C. & P., of District.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company was today denied permission to invest $140,000 of its surplus sinking fund in gold bonds of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia. Action was taken at a continued sitting today of the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia, to whom written application had been made for such authority.

In disposing of the petition the commission finds that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, which operates the telephone system of the District of Columbia, is the owner of all of the stock of the Virginia corporation whose bonds it proposed to purchase and "it is the judgment of the commission that permission to make such investment under such circumstances should not be granted in view of the design and purpose of the public utility and anti-merger laws of the District of Columbia."

MASONS ARRANGE M'LEARY FUNERAL

Military Honors Also to Be Paid Porto Rico Supreme Court Jurist.

Funeral services for James H. McLeary, associate justice of the Porto Rico supreme court, who died Monday at the Walter Reed Hospital, after an illness of several months, will be held Wednesday afternoon.

He came to Washington last fall to visit his son, Lieut. Samuel H. McLeary, U. S. A., and was about to return to Porto Rico when he was seized with the malady which terminated his life.

Justice McLeary was a native of Tennessee, but went to Texas in his youth. After serving in the Confederate army he practiced law in San Antonio, was elected to the Texas Legislature, and was attorney general of the State. He served in the Spanish war as major and judge advocate on the staff of General Lawton, and soon after was appointed by President McKinley to the judicial position which he held at the time of his death.

BROUGHTON IS GIVEN HUNTINGTON'S JOB

Becomes Chief of Division of Loans and Currency in the Treasury.

William S. Broughton, of Illinois, for nearly three years assistant chief of the division of loans and currency of the Treasury Department, was promoted today to be chief of that division, succeeding Andrew T. Huntington, resigned. Mr. Huntington resigned because of his advanced age and impaired health.

C. N. McGoarty, of Alabama, for ten years an employe of the division of loans and currency, I snamed assistant chief of the division, succeeding Mr. Broughton.

Andrew T. Huntington entered the Government service in the Treasury Department in 1865, nearly fifty years ago, and for twenty-four years he has served as chief of the loans and currency division. He is seventy-one years old.

Assistant Secretary Williams has written a letter to Mr. Huntington expressing the regret of the department at the loss of the services of an officer who for so many years has labored for the Government so conscientiously, so earnestly, and with such eminent ability and assuring Mr. Huntington of the full measure in which he has possessed the confidence and high esteem of his many fellow workers in the department, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Assistant Secretary.

William S. Broughton has been connected with the department since 1898 and has been assistant chief of the division of loans and currency since July 1, 1911.