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LAWYERS ASK PRESS TO REPORT TRIALS WITH DUE SOLEMNITY

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 26.—As a means of eliminating the formulation of public opinion upon matters to be judged by juries alone, under coordination of press and bar, committees of the Chicago Bar Association are planning to recommend two new steps with relation to publicity for courtroom trials. These are the prohibition of the taking of photographs of courtroom scenes, and measures to ensure reporting of judicial proceedings as solemn trials rather than theatricals.

The Chicago Bar Association Record in its last issue says:

"The present-day practice in reporting sensational law-suits in the public press is typified by the publication of photographs of courtroom scenes. The attendant stories stress in like fashion those features which excite popular attention. This satiating of the public appetite for the unusual not only brings the undesirable results incident to all scandal, but is peculiarly harmful in its effect in its effect upon the administration of justice.

"Thus we find the presentation of a trial in the light of a theatrical

performance rather than a dispassionate inquiry into the merits of the case. This is bound to lessen respect for the law and its instrumentalities.

"Akin to this is the creation of an erroneous conception of the true working of the judicial machinery. Frequently there results the formulation of a public opinion upon a matter to be judged by the jury alone. And of course there is the catering to the public appetite for scandal, with the consequent detriment to the public welfare.

"It is believed that a co-ordinated effort on the part of the press and the bar will in time bring about the desired development in this important field of reporting, and that a uniform rule which will place all newspapers upon the same basis in this respect will be welcomed by them as by the bar.

"The Chicago Bar Association, through its Committee on Relations of the Press to Judicial Proceedings and its Committee on the Judiciary, now has this work in hand, and, as a first concrete measure, will direct its efforts against the publication of photographs of courtroom scenes. It is planned to recommend to the courts the adoption of a rule prohibiting absolutely the taking of any photographs in court. Such a rule would eliminate at once one of the most potent means of engaging

the attention of the public. Next will come the proposal of measures to ensure the reporting of court proceedings, not as dramatic or bizarre incidents, but as solemn trials."

Pittsburgh Broadcast Heard In Australia

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Westinghouse Company, whose broadcast program from KDKA, at Pittsburgh, for Australia, announced that cablegrams were received for several hours afterward, indicating that hundreds of thousands there heard the program perfectly. It is declared the greatest achievement in radio history, as the distance is 9,000 miles.

BERLIN APPLAUDS CAREFULLY TUNEFUL MUSIC LAST CENTURY

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Jan. 26.—As if in sharp contrast to the ultra modern tendencies recently observable in the first nights at the Staatsooper, the Deutsches Opernhaus, another of Berlin's four operatic institutions, has gone back to the fifties of the past century for a first-night, by producing Adolphe Adam's comic opera, "If I Were King." This return to the melodious, uncomplicated, charming airs of the age of Cherubini, Auber, Herold, Flotow and Donizetti is the more significant as it also marks the gradual return of French opera to the German stage.

In its modern dress, with all the latest technical possibilities of the stage brought into play, Adam's opera was a decided success and numerous repetitions are planned.

GEOLOGIST EXPLORES THE ISLAND OF MADAGASCAR

PARIS, Jan. 26.—M. Barrabe, a geologist and member of the French Ecole Normale who was sent on an official geological mission to Madagascar, has returned to France after spending three months on the island. He traveled extensively in the Ma-junga region, and brought back numerous samples from the carboniferous lands. The coal beds do not appear to be as important as those of Indo-China, and it would appear that the bituminous sands and petroleum fields of Madagascar are much more important than the coal beds.

Brunswick Phonographs and Records. The Alaska Shop. tf

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Dunlap at the Parsonage, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Mrs. Stump of the Seward Beauty Shoppe will leave here Thursday for a short visit to Anchorage. She will return Saturday night. Anyone wishing work done please make their dates before Thursday.

2t MRS. STUMP.

Special rates on the Alaska Railroad will be given Thursday to Saturday, \$9.15 for the round trip to Anchorage.

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FOR SALE—Household furniture; Anyone interested call at the house or phone Main 94. H. A. Weckwerth. tf

Mrs. John Carey left on the Alaska for several weeks visit with friends and relatives at Seattle and Courtney, Vancouver Island, B. C.

Sheaffer's Life Time Pens, at the Alaska Shop. tf

Nip Johnson returned from Anchorage on last night's freight train. He went over as a member of the Seward basketball team.

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The steamship Starr will sail Monday, February 2.

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Picture Framing at the Alaska Shop. tf

Ebb of Golden Tide May Mean Sounder Money in Europe

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Year-end figures make available today a clearer picture of whether Europe's mortgaged pre-war gold on deposit here has definitely begun to go back home, and if so, to what extent.

A remarkable outbound movement of the yellow metal amounting to \$40,242,000 in the first 27 days of December produced to first surplus of exports over imports in a single month since August, 1920. More gold went out during this short period than during the entire twelve months of either 1923, 1922 or 1921. Its impetus obviously developed under the cumulative pressure of foreign loans amounting to \$1,623,696,000, which American banks turned back into depleted but premium-paying reservoirs abroad in 1924, some \$350,000,000 of which were arranged in the last three months. Whether foreign loans in the new year of 1925 will take up at the extraordinary rate the old year left off is expected to determine whether this new export phase in gold is to be continuous and permanent.

Some bankers would reserve decision and, for the time being, average the closing months spirited ebb tide with the 12 months as a whole. Comparison of 1924 and 1923, with figures for 1924 as yet approximate, reveals:

1924—Exports, \$62,226,478; Imports, \$315,684,387; balance, \$253,457,909.

1923—Exports, \$28,643,417; Imports, \$322,715,812; balance, \$294,072,395.

Thus, it is seen that where the United States received across the international counter in 1923 eleven times as much monetary gold as it paid out, in the year 1924 it received only five times as much. Export shipments for the past 12 months are seen to have doubled. Net imports fell off one-seventh.

Meanwhile the United States still holds two-fifths of all the \$10,000,000,000 in monetary gold in the world. This stock, according to some financial observers, is twice as much as is required to support the credit and currency facilities adequate to trade needs. They would like to see gold continue to ebb in proportions sufficient to take up the slack.

They further welcome a growing gold demand abroad as an earnest of

increasing use and money sentiment among other nations. This would bring them out of the wilderness of paper money and depreciated currencies and back under the gold standard. It would also save the United States from the threat of any general repudiation of gold, of which it holds the greatest single portion. Were the world at large to turn its back upon gold as a basis for monetary systems it would leave the United States with its gold stock like a white elephant on its hands; a stock with lessened use and correspondingly lessened value.

Trade Between Bulgaria and Greece Grows, Claim

ATHENS, Jan. 26.—Greece is fast becoming Bulgaria's chief medium of communication with most of her foreign markets for grain, tobacco, hides and farm products, and as a result the trade between the two countries is steadily increasing.

In 1919, the first year of record, the Bulgarian exports amounted to 7,392,736 drachmae, while her imports were valued at 3,313,490 drachmae. Last year Greece's exports amounted to 40,000,000 drachmae, while Bulgaria's shipments to Greece amounted to 107,000,000 drachmae.

The principal item of Greek export is olive oil, for which Bulgaria is almost wholly dependent upon Greece. However, Italy is making some inroads into the Bulgarian market.

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