

SUNDAY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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ments for Violations.

WHAT SABBATH REALLY IS.

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Than Judges Have.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—Judge William H. Wallace of the Jackson county criminal court, who has been credited with having started the Sunday observance movement that now has become widespread, has issued a sta-

tement to the Associated Press on his interpretation of the Missouri law that he is seeking to enforce. He also arraigns those whom he says violate the law for perjury, since and deals upon what he says is a crying need of one day of rest out of every seven.

As a result of Judge Wallace's campaign, the county grand jury has since Sept. 20 last, returned 1,110 indictments against violators of the Sunday law; forced hundreds of shopkeepers to close their places of business on that day; and, within the past three weeks, has placed over half a thousand Sunday working actors, actresses, theatrical managers and their employees, and others, under bond for appearing later. That jury is still in session and the judge says he will not cease until the law is respected to the letter.

Judge Wallace has for many years been one of the foremost lawyers in the state, and has always fought for law enforcement. He was appointed to his present position by Gov. Joseph W. Folk, who has accomplished what no other Missouri executive had ever done, namely, the closing of the saloons on Sunday.

Judge Wallace, in his statement, says: "It is a mistake to suppose that the Sabbath is purely a religious institution and that its enforced observance is for the benefit of the church. The Sabbath was ordained before man had fallen or there was a church or a need for a Redeemer. By divine example

the Almighty ordained it, by resting from the work of creation on the seventh day and He impressed forever upon it its sacred character by 'blessing it.' The Sabbath would be with us had sin never entered the world.

Hence, when we think logically and historically, it is easy to perceive how it is that a desire for a day of rest is a latent institution with the laboring man. The observance of 6,000 years of human avocation has not eradicated it. Justice Field, so long a member of our United States supreme court, was right when as one of the supreme judges of California, he declared that Sunday laws are enacted primarily for the protection of labor. We cannot wonder, therefore, that men who work for wages in all the departments of human industry are zealous in the unanimous endorsement of the holy unions to which they belong. Nor should we wonder that societies are turning its guns upon the friends of Sunday observance. It can be seen on Sunday that its revenues grow with more of the wages that have been paid the laborer, than on any other three days of the week combined. The Sunday theater, as rich a harvest as the Sunday saloon, is proof of this fact.

But consistent as it is with the needs and constitution of man, the idea of one day in seven as a day of rest was not evolved by natural religion or human philosophy. It is a divine revelation. It is the peculiar feature of Christianity, by which is meant the system of theology taught by the Old and New Testaments. Its origin is with the Bible, and not with

Confucianism or Brahmanism, or Buddhism and the mythical religions of Greece or Rome or of any other nation.

"Upon the two doctrines briefly stated above, namely, that the constitution of man requires and the word of God commands, one day in seven as a day of rest, are grounded the Sunday statutes of the several states of the Union. With rarest exceptions, our judicial decisions, whose name is legion, rest upon precisely the same foundation. Ministers and priests could not have pronounced the Sabbath more sacred than have the judges. Sunday laws have been declared constitutional by practically every state in the Union. The supreme court of the United States, Justice Brewer rendering the opinion, has decided that we are a religious people and that Christianity is a part of our law.

"Answering your query as to the cause of the widespread movement for Sunday closing, it seems to me, as the cause of the liquor habit is adding the cause of prohibition, the open and defiant denunciation of the Sabbath is opening the eyes of men to the importance of Sunday observance. Then, too, the truth contained in the statement of Daniel Webster that 'The Sabbath is the bulwark of our liberties because it is the bulwark of our morality,' is pressing itself upon the attention of patriotic Americans, and the Anglo-Saxon everywhere when his attention is turned to the subject, is quick to appreciate the sublime truth so aptly expressed in the declaration of Mr. Gladstone that the 'question of Sunday observance is for the masses of the people pre-eminently the greatest of all questions.'

"Answering your inquiry as to the progress of Sunday closing, I can only state the fact as to Kansas City. When the grand jury was convened here in September last, over 600 retail groceries were open on Sunday. Now they are closed. Every barber shop in the city is closed. Retail merchants have closed, except a very few, who observe some other day as Sunday as permitted by other statutes. The 2,000 places where cigars and tobacco were formerly sold are obeying the law, excepting now and then a clandestine sale. Only three pool halls and the theaters defy the law and two of the latter have recently closed. The credit for this result is due largely to a grand jury composed of fearless, magnificent men."

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR GERMAN IMPERIAL FAMILY

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Thirteen Christmas trees stand in the new palace at Potsdam for the members of the imperial family. There are two large trees in the center with five smaller ones on the one side and six on the other, diminishing in size according to the age of those for whom they are intended. The two large trees are for the emperor and empress and the others for their six sons and daughters, the wives of Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Eitel and the two children of the crown prince. The emperor's Christmas program begins after lunch on Tuesday when he will walk through the grand park Sans Souci with several hundred marks in coin freshly minted in his pocket, bestowing five or 10 or 20 mark pieces upon poor persons whom he may meet.

It is never known what paths the emperor may take, but as it is an annual custom of his, plenty of the poor are distributed throughout the park on the lookout for his majesty. On such occasions he continues his walk to the barracks of the First regiment of foot guards to attend the celebration of the so-called "Life company," of which the emperor was captain as crown prince, and after him the present crown prince, but of which Prince Eitel is now captain.

Every Christmas the emperor is present at the distribution of presents and to join in a fraternal glass of punch.

Every company in the German army has its own Christmas tree, for which gifts are sent from the men's homes. The imperial family gathers at 6 o'clock to give one another their presents. Then the members of the official household come into the shell room where the trees stand, to receive theirs. The members of the imperial family give but do not accept gifts from members of the household. The emperor has been summoning dealers to Potsdam almost every afternoon since his return from England, and has been selecting for Christmas gifts sporting guns, saddlery outfits, gold mounted or jeweled riding whips and other appropriate articles for the 20 or 30 ladies and gentlemen attached to his household. He also gives portraits with his autograph, richly framed, porcelain and jewel boxes, of which he is exceedingly fond.

The crown prince and Prince Eitel have establishments of their own at Potsdam to which they repair after the family gathering to have similar distributions of presents to members of their official households.

A BAD WRECK.

Chicago Mail on Pennsylvania Runs

Into Debris of Freight Wreck.
Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Four persons were injured, heavy property loss was sustained and three tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad were blocked for the night by two wrecked freight cars, Pa., 58 miles east of here, tonight. An extra freight train left the rails of track No. 1 because of a break in the rail, it is believed, and 29 cars were smashed and piled up over tracks Nos. 2 and 3.

Almost immediately after the accident to the freight, the Chicago mail, running at high speed to make up lost time, plowed into the debris with terrific force. Every one on the train was badly jolted and shaken up, many of the passengers being thrown from their seats. None of the passenger cars left the track, but a number of windows were broken and several persons were cut by flying glass. At the office of the company here, it is stated that one mail clerk was severely bruised by being thrown against the side of his car and that three passengers were more or less bruised. No one on the freight train was injured.

The mail train was drawn by two locomotives. The front locomotive was almost completely demolished.

TOSELLI'S FIRST CONCERT.

Man Who Married Countess Montignoni Succeeds in Milan.

Milan, Dec. 22.—Enrico Toselli, the music master, who married former Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, gave his first concert here tonight since his marriage. The hall was crowded and interest reached a climax when Signor Toselli and the Countess Montignoni, elegantly costumed, entered taking a conspicuous place among the audience. Signor Toselli at first was coolly received, but soon the audience began to show their appreciation and applauded him liberally, the countess looking immensely pleased each time he was recalled. A noticeable feature of the concert was the entire absence of the Milanese aristocracy.

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