

GOVERNMENT CATCHES 173 IN GREAT RAID

Postoffice Inspectors Swoop Down on Lawbreakers in 72 Cities in Single Day.

MISUSE OF MAILS CHARGED

Doctors, Druggists and Others Accused of Seeking Illegal Practice and Sending Unlawful Medicines.

Washington, Nov. 20.—A nation-wide raid, involving the arrest practically simultaneously of 173 persons in seventy-two principal cities, was made to-day by postoffice inspectors and United States marshals on doctors and drug concerns, charged with misuse of the mails to solicit criminal medical practice or to dispose of medicines and instruments connected with such practice.

This most extensive and far-reaching raid ever made by any department of the government was under the personal direction of Postmaster General Hitchcock and Chief Inspector Robert S. Sharpe. So carefully had its details been guarded that until the first of the arrests was made in Indianapolis, early in the day, practically nothing was known of the government's contemplated action.

Results of the crusade are still being received to-night in telegrams from various divisional headquarters. In isolated instances it was found, for various reasons, to be impracticable to effect the arrests, but the suspected persons against whom warrants have been issued are under surveillance, and probably will be unable to escape.

Results of Seven Months' Work. Chief Inspector Sharpe and a large part of his force of 250 inspectors had been engaged for seven months in working up the scores of individual cases in which arrests were made to-day. Many of the offenders are members of prominent wholesale and retail drug concerns or physicians well known in their own communities.

The government will prosecute the cases vigorously, according to a statement by Postmaster General Hitchcock, who said: "The work of the postoffice inspectors to-day is the culmination of the crusade instituted more than two years ago against the fraudulent and unlawful use of the mails. In that comparatively brief time we have wiped out of existence concerns which have mulcted the people of this country out of more than \$20,000,000 by frauds perpetrated through the use of the mails, and the courts have sent many of the promoters of the fraudulent schemes to the penitentiary, where they now are serving time."

Many on Pacific Coast. It is said by the postoffice inspectors that a hotbed of this sort of criminality is in the Pacific Coast States. In San Francisco, it is claimed, a fictitious name was used by several well known physicians, who employed a woman to do the necessary advertising and clerical work. Cases were solicited by correspondence and by printed circulars sent through the mails. Scores of complaints have been received by the department from women, complaining of the receipt of this class of matter.

Approximately 20 per cent of those arrested to-day are so-called "pill doctors"—men who advertise their practice by correspondence or otherwise, and send to their patients, by mail or express, various compounds in the form of pills or powders. Careful analysis of these compounds by the government authorities is said to have disclosed that some of them are wholly innocuous, while others are dangerous poisons. Under another section of the Penal Code the sending of poisons through the mails is expressly forbidden.

One of the men accused is said to have been the secretary of the Board of Health in the city of his residence. Particular care was taken by the inspectors in collecting the evidence against business concerns, drug houses and remedy companies. The men actually responsible for the illicit correspondence were ordered arrested, and in this class of cases, it is said, many indictments already have been returned.

Practitioners Were Cautious. Interviews of the inspectors with many of the practitioners indicated that they knew they were violating the law and were treading on dangerous ground. In Chicago an inspector called on a physician after having received from him a response by mail to his decoy letter. The inspector professed a desire to engage the doctor's services. The doctor was cautious, and asked the inspector to show the letter. It was in the physician's own handwriting.

The doctor snatched the letter from the inspector's hand, tore it twice across and threw it into the wastebasket. The inspector returned to the office, in the temporary absence of the doctor, secured the strips from the basket and pasted them together. That letter constitutes an important link in the chain of evidence on which that doctor was indicted.

Representing himself as one who desired to engage his services, an inspector interviewed a suspected physician in a Texas city. The doctor could not be induced to commit himself. Then the caller, in apparent despair, began to weep copiously. The doctor patted him on the back and said soothingly: "Now, my boy, that's all right. My letter to you is clear enough. You know we have to be very careful to guard against these postal people, who are constantly hounding us."

He then gave the weeping visitor all the evidence he needed to complete his case. In another case the inspectors worked for months on a case before they obtained evidence on which a conviction would be possible. Numerous incriminating letters were received from the suspected person, but all were mailed on through railway mail trains. In this case the jurisdiction of the inspectors had to be determined positively, and that could not be done through letters mailed on trains. Finally two letters were mailed from the city in which the accused lived.

Approximately ninety of the persons arrested already have been indicted by United States grand juries in various parts of the country, and the cases of the others will be presented to grand juries now sitting as rapidly as may be feasible.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 20.—Five arrests were made here to-day in connection with the raid ordered by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The persons arrested were Dr. Anna M. Hill, Mrs. Jane Hoidt, Maria Louise Trautle and Dr. Jin Fuyey Moy, Chinese, of Pittsburgh, and Robert M. Headley, merchant and postmaster, of Pine Bank, Penn. The first four mentioned gave bail in \$2,000 each.

Holden, Mo., Nov. 20.—Dr. Howard Andrews, arrested here to-day in the crusade against illegal medical practices, is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, superintendent of the Sunday school and a director of the Commercial Club.

In connection with the Postoffice crusade one arrest was made in New York City. Dr. William C. Halleck, of No. 7 West 11th street, was charged with having mailed on August 26 last a package containing unmarketable matter. Halleck was said to have been arrested on a similar charge in 1905, but was not convicted. Arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields, he waived examination and was held in \$500 bail for the action of the grand jury.

Dr. George A. Soden, of East Orange, N. J., was arrested in Hoboken, charged with mailing a package containing an illegal preparation. He admitted having sent thus sent by him were plainly marked "Poison," and he was not aware that in sending them he was violating the law.

MORGAN BUYS NOTES

Issued by New Haven to Refund Maturing Securities.

A syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. has bought an issue of \$40,000,000 5 per cent one-year notes from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, it was announced yesterday. It was said at the Morgan offices that \$30,000,000 of the issue would be used to pay off the New Haven's 4 per cent one-year notes maturing January 15, and that the rest would be used for maturing notes of subsidiaries and for purchasing new equipment. This is the second time that the New Haven has renewed one-year notes.

WILLIAMS IN SYNDICATE

Which Took Central's Holdings in Mohawk Valley Co., In Report.

The syndicate which took over the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad's holdings of the stock of the Mohawk Valley Company is said to be headed by Harrison Williams and H. E. Andrews, both of whom are interested in the Central States Electric Corporation, incorporated in May under the laws of Virginia to acquire a control in the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and other public utility corporations. It is reported that the Mohawk, of which Mr. Andrews is now president, will be turned over to the Central States corporation, but this report has not as yet been confirmed.

There will be a bond issue to pay for the property taken over by the New York Central, and a prominent banking house in this city is said to have agreed to underwrite the bonds. The minority stockholders are given the privilege of turning in their holdings at \$125 a share, the same as is being paid to the railroad. There is about \$2,385,000 minority stock outstanding.

GETS REST AFTER 50 YEARS

Henry Kracke Leaves Eggs and Butter for Trip to Bermuda.

Henry Kracke, who has sold butter and eggs in Washington Market for fifty years without a rest, except on Sundays and holidays, got away from his stall yesterday long enough to board the steamship Oruba, which took him to Bermuda.

The veteran merchant—he is seventy-two—left yesterday as if he would rather be sailing a krack or packing a docket than pacing the deck of a steamship, with nothing to do. Moreover, it became known that he was the father of J. H. Kracke, the Naval Officer of the Port and Republic leader in Brooklyn, and this added to the attentions bestowed upon the aged traveler. Mr. Kracke was glad when the gangplank was hauled ashore.

NEARLY KILLED BY BEAR

Upstate Farmer Falls Into Den and Is Saved by Dog.

Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Charles Murray, a Jefferson County farmer, is suffering from serious injuries received in a desperate fight in the Adirondacks with a large black mother bear, which was defending her cubs. Murray was crossing a cave on a hemlock tree, when it broke and he fell into the den of the bear and two cubs. The bear attacked Murray and knocked him down. Her blows whirled his gun in the air, discharging it. One charge tore off his coat, and shot lodged in his body. His clothing was set on fire. Murray's dog came to his rescue and was badly torn by the bear, but Murray crawled away during the fight between the animals. He reached home nearly dead. The bear has lately been raiding sheep, and a posse of farmers is searching for her.

TIDAL WAVE DESTROYS TWO JAMAICAN TOWNS

Western End of Island Devastated by a Hurricane Which Lasted Five Days.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 20.—The western end of the island of Jamaica has been devastated by a hurricane lasting for five days. A great tidal wave has swept over both the north and south coasts, practically wiping out the towns of Savanna La Mar and Luca, both places of considerable importance. Luca is a town of two thousand inhabitants on an inlet on the northwest coast of Jamaica, while Savanna La Mar is a seaport, with the same number of inhabitants, on the southwest coast, almost directly opposite, on the other side of the island. According to a report brought in by steamer forty-two persons were killed at Montego Bay. All the coast roads have been wrecked along the southwestern coast and incalculable damage has been done. Communication between Kingston and the centre of destruction is not likely to be resumed for a week.

The latest reports indicate that the tidal wave swept over Savanna La Mar and adjacent villages for a quarter of a mile inland. The effects of the hurricane extended along the coast eastward to Black River, about twenty-five miles from Savanna La Mar, where the residential quarter was wrecked. The observer of the meteorological station in the western part of the island sent the following report to-day: "The full force of the hurricane struck here Monday. The observatory was partly wrecked."

Late reports say that the entire wharf frontage at Montego Bay has been wrecked. The Governor of Jamaica has left here on a special train, accompanied by a detachment of artillerymen, who have taken with them three hundred tents and foodstuffs, as in certain sections the people are homeless and destitute. The gale began on November 15, and continued in increasing fury for several days. Vessels arriving in port reported that the wind was blowing more than one hundred miles an hour.

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TO FIGHT ANEW FOR CAUSE

Suffragists Ready to Meet Issue at Polls in 1915.

On with the fight! Let argument be unconfined. The anti-suffragists informed the public yesterday over the signatures of Mrs. W. A. Putnam, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, and Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, their officials, that they were ready to meet the issue at the polls in 1915. "If the voters of Ohio and Wisconsin defeated a woman suffrage amendment to their constitutions by over 90,000 majority in each state in the radical year of 1912, there is no question but the voters of New York will defeat such a measure by a still larger majority in 1915," they said, in explaining why they had decided not to oppose the passage of the suffrage bill in the legislature this winter.

The members of the executive committee who signed the statement were Mrs. Fritz Achells, Mrs. Francis S. Bangs, Mrs. John A. Church, Mrs. Barclay Hazard, Miss Eleanor G. Hewitt, Mrs. Charlton T. Lewis, Mrs. M. E. Leomis, Mrs. Robert McVicker, Mrs. George Douglas Miller, Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. Nelson H. Henry, Mrs. Francis M. Scott, Mrs. William Forst Scott, Mrs. Everett P. Wheeler, Mrs. Henry A. Stinson and Mrs. Otto Killian.

DETECTIVE FAY IMPROVED

Victim of Elsmere Hotel Shooting May Recover.

The condition of Detective Martin Fay, who was shot by Henry Vogel at the Elsmere Hotel in Courtlandt avenue Monday night, was said last night to be somewhat improved, though the physicians at the Lebon Hospital would not say he would get well. There had been no change in the condition of the other men who were shot by Vogel, except Butler, the waiter, who it is now said will recover. The doctors feared that Luigi Gerard would develop blood poisoning.

Louis Stern, of No. 1524 Seventh avenue, accompanied by his wife, went to the Fordham morgue yesterday and identified the body of Vogel's companion, whom he killed, as that of a woman, who had worked for him as a housemaid last summer. Stern said that the woman stayed only a short time, and that when she went away jewelry valued at \$2,000 and stocks and bonds worth \$7,500 disappeared. As the coroner's office the couple identified as their own articles that had been found in the trunks of the dead man and woman.

AWAY ON LONE TRIP

Prospective Bride Sails for Argentina Without Fiance.

Z. A. Toye, assistant general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad in Portland, Ore., is considered an alert business man by his employers, but he was not quick enough to get aboard the steamship Vasari, which sailed for Buenos Ayres yesterday with Miss Marie Vinler, his fiancée. The young man, who has forsaken the railroad business to raise cattle in the Argentine, was to have been married yesterday on the route from Oregon destined him, however, and soon after leaving Chicago yesterday he wired to Miss Vinler to sail anyhow, stating that he would join her in Buenos Ayres, leaving New York on the Voltaire, which will depart on December 1.

"Yes, it is rather a disappointment that Mr. Toye could not get here," said Miss Vinler, "but, as my sister, Mrs. Parrazo, and her husband are going along, I decided to keep my room on the ship and sail. We shall be married in Buenos Ayres about January 7."

The prospective bride's stateroom was filled with flowers and her wedding gown was hanging on the wall when the vessel sailed.

URGE STATE SEGREGATION

Charities Conference Split on Care of Defectives.

Syracuse, Nov. 20.—A plan to bond the state to finance the segregation of all mental and moral defectives, with prohibition of marriage, was launched at this afternoon's session of the thirteenth New York State Conference of Charities and Correction by Dr. Katherine Bennett Davis, superintendent of the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford. The plan was concurred in by Dr. Charles B. Davenport, director of the Carnegie Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor. Vigorous opposition to the plan was led by Dr. Charles Bernstein, of the Rome State Custodial Asylum; Dr. William T. Shanahan, of the Craig Colony for Epileptics at Sonoma, and Miss Sadie American. No action was taken on the proposal.

MOTORS CO. UP IN JERSEY

Involuntary Petition in Bankruptcy Filed at Trenton.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 20.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed to-day against the United States Motors Company, having offices in Jersey City. It is alleged that the concern owes more than \$12,000,000 and has assets not exceeding \$9,000,000. The petitioning creditors are Ditzel-Elson Company, of Ohio, with a claim of \$1,251; Hornor & Smith Co., \$1,525; and Amos Lent, \$125. The United States Motors Company controls a large amount of property in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Receivers for the corporation were appointed in several states a few weeks ago.

PRIEST ON SUFFRAGE

Father McMahon Says Church Takes No Sides.

The first of a series of three lectures on "The Catholic Church and the Woman Question" was delivered yesterday afternoon at Delmonico's by the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, under the auspices of the Catholic Library Association. The purpose of the lectures was explained as favoring a resolution unanimously adopted at an attempt not only to give the audience an attempt not only to give the audience an opportunity for definite views on an important practical subject, but also to clear the Catholic Church of the odium brought on it by the violent utterances of many of its labor under the mistaken notion that their personal views are those of the Church.

It was a lecture decidedly satisfactory to the suffragists in the audience, who have advised of Father McMahon as an old friend ever since last spring, when he visited the women of his congregation to join the suffragists in their campaigns for the social and economic relief of women. There was very little of "votes for women" in his address yesterday, however. He disposed of that "important and delicate question" early in the afternoon by saying that it was a matter of "perfect indifference to the Church whether women have the suffrage or not." That was a matter of politics, he said, and with politics the Catholic Church had nothing to do, except, of course, in Italy.

The matter of voting, however, was only a side issue of the greater question of the position of woman to-day, and on that the Church did have something to say. "There is nothing inherently irreligious in the general claims made by the feminists," said Father McMahon. "The Church is at one with them, except in the matter of marriage and divorce, as advocated by a certain class of feminist agitator, avowedly anti-Catholic, and tainted by the irreligious and infidel. I mean those feminists who advocate free love."

MINISTERS FOR DEATH PENALTY.

St. Paul, Nov. 20.—At a meeting to-day of the Twin City Lutheran Ministers' Association, a resolution unanimously favoring a bill for the enforcement of the death penalty was adopted.

WIFE HELPED ELECT HIM

Peter Golet Gerry Says Mrs. Gerry Gave \$800.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Peter Golet Gerry, of Washington, Newport and New York, and Representative-elect from the 2d Rhode Island District, filed a statement of his campaign expenses with the clerk of the House to-day. Mr. Gerry affirms that of the total contributions to his campaign fund, \$80, were made by his wife, Mrs. Mathilde Townsend Gerry. It cost Mrs. Gerry \$833 to be elected. Among the expenditures listed by Representative-elect Gerry were the following: Twenty automobiles, Election Day, \$485; watches, clothes and workers at the polls, \$2,295; advertising, \$495; speakers, \$237.50; political rallies, \$354.50; hotel headquarters, \$108; paid Democratic State Central Committee, \$50.

Theron Catlin, Republican, of the 11th Missouri District, also filed his campaign expense statement to-day. In the last session Mr. Catlin was unseated by the House because his family and friends spent upward of \$10,000 to obtain his election two years ago. He is specific in his statement this time that the total contributions to his unsuccessful campaign were "none." He asserts that he spent \$35 for "refreshments, cigars, festivals, tickets to bazaars and advertising."

RELATIVES THEN START NEW CONTEST FOR J. S. LYLE ESTATE.

Hackensack, N. J., Nov. 20.—The first attempt made to break the will of John S. Lyle, of Tenafly, for years silent partner of Lord & Taylor, of New York, failed in the Bergen County Orphans' Court, at Hackensack, to-day, Judge Milton Demarest dismissing the appeal on motion of Cauncey G. Parker, of Newark, counsel for Julia Gertrude Lyle, the widow. It is said the estate may total \$20,000,000. The contest was instituted by Edward Metcalf, Catherine B. Smith, Edwin L. Metcalf and William L. Metcalf. They set forth in their declaration that "Julia Gertrude Lyle, claiming to be the widow of the late John S. Lyle, had offered on August 7 a will for probate, purporting to be the last will and testament of John S. Lyle."

Then they went on to say that "for a long time prior to the death of John S. Lyle he had been of unsound mind and incapable of disposing of his vast estate, and that the said Julia Gertrude Lyle had been guilty of unduly, illegally and fraudulently influencing the said John S. Lyle."

After the decision Roe, Runyon & Tompkins, of Jersey City, counsel for the other contestants, filed notice of another appeal in behalf of Frances Lyle Sparrow, of Abingdon, Mass., and Janet Marla Lyle, of Worcester, Mass. The contest appeared to hinge on the validity of the wedding, which took place in Yonkers on September 29, 1910, before a justice of the peace. Mr. Lyle was ninety-one years old and his bride was thirty years old.

BANKER, ILL, KILLS HIMSELF.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 20.—William Little, sixty-one years old, president of the West Side Ohio Savings Bank, committed suicide to-day by hanging himself with a rope made of his bed clothing. He had been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

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