

GRAND TRUNK DEAL DESPITE MORGAN'S WISH

Mellen Says He Prepared Agreement Against Financier's Desire.

RHODE ISLAND TAXES BASIS OF THE FIGHT

Charles S. Mellen testified in the United States District Court yesterday that he had prepared the will of the late J. P. Morgan when he prepared a traffic agreement with the Grand Trunk Railroad.

The testimony came toward the close of the afternoon session of the case of the eleven former directors of the New Haven, charged with having conspired to monopolize the transportation facilities of New England.

Mr. Morgan made a speech at the opening of the meeting, the longest, Mr. Mellen said, he had ever heard of a financier deliver.

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WAR ORDERS SMALL ITEM IN BIG BUSINESS BOOM

Reserve Bank Reports Show Renewed Confidence Inspires All Trades—New York Leads Country With October Clearings Greatest on Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Further evidence of the country's prosperity independent of war business is shown by the monthly bulletin of the Federal Reserve Board issued here today.

The feature of the report is the development of domestic business, as distinguished from war orders. The reserve agents note a material expansion in the buying capacity of the American public and there are signs of buoyancy in the lumber industry.

Collectors are commented upon as good throughout the country, the banks reporting satisfactory liquidation and a consequent ability to meet obligations and accumulate surplus funds.

Between October 9 and November 15 imports of gold received at the Assay Office amounted to \$2,136,700. From January 1 imports aggregated \$33,850,000.

Foreign exchange was fairly steady at low levels from about the 1st until the 20th of October, when further weakness resulted from the great export movement.

The Federal Reserve Board made public today regulations which govern the purchase of domestic acceptances by Federal reserve banks and member banks of the new currency system.

As a result of the new regulations it is expected that the purchasing power of member banks to the domestic acceptance market as well as that for acceptances based on the exportation and importation of goods.

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FIELDER WON'T TALK FUMES WITH WHITMAN

Jersey Governor Declines Invitation to Meet New York Governor at Dinner.

Grand Jury Hears Tales of Ex-prisoner Inmates—Rector Explains Weeks Note.

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WOMAN THIEF AT ARMY POST

Kleptomaniac Found and Purgative at Fort Slocum.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Dec. 2.—A kleptomaniac who robbed the homes of officers at Fort Slocum, N. Y., near New Rochelle, has been found and purged.

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AN ENTHUSIASTIC PRESS IS UNANIMOUS IN ITS PRAISE OF TREASURE ISLAND

Punch & Judy Theatre

All boys and girls with real red blood in their veins and every grown-up should go to the Punch & Judy Theatre.

For once even the movies are beaten—Herald.

WINTER GARDEN AWORLD OF PLEASURE

LOU TELLEGEN THE WARE CASE

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