

SWINDLED OUT OF HUNDRED MILLIONS

Postal Inspectors Charge Huge Thefts by Concerns Defrauding Through Mails.

SCHEMES UNEARTHED; MORE ARRESTS MADE

Two Additional Big New York Companies Are Raided by Postoffice Department Officials Who Allege the Accused Sell of Stocks and Bonds That Are Worthless.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—In raids so important that Postmaster General Hitchcock took personal charge, his inspectors fell on two concerns this afternoon which they charge with swindling the public out of more than \$40,000,000 by fraudulent use of the mails.

Sheldon H. Burr, president of Burr Brothers; Eugene H. Burr, secretary and treasurer of the firm and Frank H. Tobey, were arrested in the first raid and held in \$20,000 bail each.

The government charges the firm sold between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of mining and oil stock worth little or nothing.

Charles L. Vaughan, a director of the Continental Wireless Telegraph & Telephone Company, Inc., in Arizona, was taken in the second raid and held in \$10,000 bail. Inspectors say his company has sold stock to the amount of at least \$1,000,000 which has brought in no return to the investors.

Vaughan is treasurer of the Columbia Finance Company which acts as financial agent for the Continental Wireless Telegraph & Telephone Company and had charge of the Continental office in this city.

To Press Criminal Action.

Both raids today are further evidence that the government in its warfare against alleged interstate swindlers, means business and no longer will be content with issuing fraud orders denying them the use of the mails, but will press for convictions on criminal charges. The present campaign began some months ago and has resulted in the arrest of Louis Cella and his associates, charged with operating a string of bucket shops; the officers of the United Wireless Company, the El Progresso Banana Company, the United Exchange of Chicago, the Steele-Miller Cotton firm of Corinth, Miss., and more than sixty other firms in all parts of the country.

Have Swindled \$100,000,000.

Postmaster General Hitchcock estimates that the public has been fleeced out of at least \$100,000,000 by get-rich quick concerns in the last five years, but says their day has gone.

The postoffice department intends to keep after them every minute and Mr. Hitchcock said today that other arrests involving corporations that have sought investors the length and breadth of the country are expected shortly.

His statement follows: "The arrests today by postoffice inspectors of the principals in two important companies, Burr Brothers with offices in the Flatiron building, and the Continental Wireless Company, with headquarters at 56 Pine street, constitute two more cases in the series of investigations that the postal authorities have been making in their crusade against the fraudulent use of the United States mails. Seventy-eight cases.

"With the work accomplished today, 78 such cases have been brought to a head during the year. It is estimated that the swindling operations of these 78 cases have fleeced from the American people, in a period of five years, over \$100,000,000.

"The crusade now in progress is the result of a carefully laid plan of some months ago, the first step in which was a thorough reorganization of the inspection service with the selection of a new chief postoffice inspector and certain changes and reorganization was effected, instructions were issued to the newly assigned inspectors in charge to take up and prosecute vigorously all pending cases of frauds against the mails.

Best Men on the Work.

Owing to the extent of the cases and the large amount of work involved it was necessary to detail a considerable portion of the force of postoffice inspectors. The best men in the service were selected for this work and were sent to their tasks with the assurance that the department at Washington would back them up to the fullest extent. In order to strike at the root of this evil the department directed its agents to go after the men higher up in these gigantic schemes to defraud, and to allow no influence, however powerful, to prevent the proper punishment of the offenders. Through the assistance of the attorney general the full cooperation of his department was secured in

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WILL SUGGEST MANNER TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK

Fruitless Discussion of the Veto Bill Introduced in English House of Lords.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Nov. 21.—The house of lords today began an apparently fruitless discussion of the veto bill on the second reading stage, the earl of Crewe introducing the measure before a crowded house. The government leader reviewed the controversy between the two houses, which began with the rejection by the upper chamber of the government's educational bill in 1906, and reached an acute stage when the lords threw out the budget in 1909. He said that the veto bill constituted a requirement by the government that the country restore a reasonable measure of freedom to its chosen representatives. Lord Lansdowne criticized the bill but said that it contained points that might have formed the basis for a useful discussion. Lord Lansdowne moved an adjournment until Wednesday at which time, he said, he would introduce resolutions suggesting a manner in which the deadlock of the two houses might be dealt with. The motion was adopted without division.

LODGE MAKES NO REPLY.

Senator Has Nothing To Say As To Demand of Foss.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 21.—United States Senator Lodge made no reply today to the demand of Governor-elect Eugene N. Foss that Senator Lodge withdraw as a candidate for reelection on the ground that he does not represent the sentiment of his state as expressed on election day. It was said today at the headquarters of Senator Lodge that nothing would be given out at present, and possibly not at all on the matter.

Meat For Patients Stolen.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Dr. William Mahon, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane on Ward's island, testified today before Commissioner Fessenden, of the department of accounts, that in the last three years, 216,000 pounds of meat, intended for the patients, had been stolen. The exposure of long standing frauds came through the arrest last week of Simon Katzenstein, who had the contract to remove bones and fat from Ward's island.

Catcher O'Brien Dead.

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 21.—Jack O'Brien, who was one of the catchers of the athletic baseball team when it won the championship of the American Association in 1882, died yesterday in a hospital in this city and will be buried from the Elks Home on Wednesday.

CRIPPEN MUST DIE TOMORROW.

Reprieve Is Denied the Convicted London Wife Murderer.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Nov. 21.—Dr. Harvey W. Crippen, the murderer of his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, the actress, will be executed as previously sentenced, on November 23, the Home secretary, Winston Churchill, today denying the American doctor's petition for a reprieve and announcing his declination to interfere with the sentence of the court.

ROB NORFOLK DOCTOR

Bold Hold-up in Business Center of City.

BIND PHYSICIAN TO CHAIR

Bandits Enter Dr. L. B. Firey's Office and Take Money While He is Securely Fastened—One is Later Arrested Charged With Crime.

(By Associated Press)
NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 21.—A bold daylight robbery occurred in this business center of this city today when two young men entered the office of Dr. L. B. Firey and, at the point of a pistol, bound his hand and foot to a chair.

"After taking all of the money in the office the men hastened away, one of them shouting, 'Farwell, doc; better keep quiet about it.'"

Dr. Firey managed to free himself and was seen in pursuit. On a street he saw a man whom he claimed to recognize as one of those who committed the robbery, and he was captured.

Cruiser Arrives at Savannah.

(By Associated Press)
SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 21.—The United States cruiser Birmingham, ordered here to take part in the exercises incident to the unveiling of the Oglethorpe monument on Wednesday, arrived today from Norfolk

SHOOTS OFFICER TO PROTECT HERSELF

Pretty Pennsylvania Telegraph Operator Tells of Insult by Officer.

GIRL IS HELD IN BAIL; INJURED MAN IN HOSPITAL

Young Woman Declares the Railroad Official Seized Her and She Used Her Revolver in Self-Defense—Claims She Has Letters That Will Prove Justification for Her Act.

(By Associated Press)
MONONGAHELA, PA., Nov. 21.—Iva Bush, 27-years-old, a strikingly pretty telegraph operator at Baird tower, on the Pennsylvania railroad near here, declared calmly tonight that she shot a railroad official, Harry F. Smith, a railroad detective, early today, were intentional and necessary to defend herself.

She is held in \$2,000 bail, while Smith, who has a wife and two children is in the hospital with a painful bullet wound in the hip.

During the night Smith went to the railroad tower and found Edwin Lloyd, a close friend of Miss Bush, visiting her. He arrested Lloyd, taking him to the office of Alderman A. R. Day, where he was told no charge could be preferred, so Lloyd was released.

After midnight, as Miss Bush returned by a freight train to her home in Monongahela, Smith approached her. She says she fired twice to frighten him away, but he seized her and as he held her she shot him in the side.

Miss Bush supports a widowed mother and a sister in Springfield, Ohio, where she formerly lived. She claims to have evidence in the form of letters that will prove justification in shooting Smith.

She says that a month ago, during one of Smith's midnight visits to the tower, she was obliged to use her revolver to compel him to leave.

Nelson Ready For Fight.

(By Associated Press)
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 21.—"I'm in great shape," wired Battling Nelson to Tommy Ryan today, in asking the retired middleweight champion to be his chief second against Owen Moran in San Francisco next Saturday. Ryan declined, as he has charge of a club which holds bouts here next Monday night.

Takes Ladies in Flight.

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 21.—Miss Eleanor Sears, of Boston, and Miss Violet Ridgway, well known in society here and in New York, were passengers of Claud Graham-White in his Farman biplane in flights made today at the meet of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania.

ADMIT THEY TARRED AND FEATHERED HIM

Leaders of New Jersey Mob Plead Guilty to Charge in Court.

(By Associated Press)
MAYS LANDING, N. J., Nov. 21.—Before a curious crowd that filled the county court house here today, Charles Vaughn, Charles Quinn and James Sears, leaders of a mob that tarred and feathered Frank Siebert, a farmer, at McKees City, pleaded guilty to indictments charging assault and battery.

Sentence will be imposed later. Siebert, a married man, was tarred and feathered by the crowd last summer because of his alleged attentions to a widow by whom he was employed. He was tied to a pole along the tracks of a railroad and after he had received his coat was left to the mercy of mosquitoes. Siebert was rescued by a train crew several hours afterward and spent some time in an Atlantic City hospital.

All of the defendants testified that they were led to tar and feather Siebert because the latter "was paying too much attention to the Widow Scrull" and they "wanted to save her children from disgrace."

Says Forget Microbe Thursday.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—"Eat thy fill on Thanksgiving Day, and forget Wylie and the microbe, but do not eat cold storage turkey." This is the message to the American people from Dr. Harvey W. Wylie, the government's food expert, who has been waging vigorous war against germs of all kinds. It will be a day of grace for Dr. Wylie, too, as he will not slay a single microbe.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS MAN'S DISAPPEARANCE

Body Found in Trunk After Eight Years Presents Problem Not Yet Solved.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—An unusual mystery is believed to lie behind the disappearance of William Lewis, said by Philip Meagher and his wife to be the owner of the trunk in which there was found on last Thursday the body of a person who apparently had been dead for eight years. Lewis was said today to have disappeared in January, 1905, three hours before he was to have been married to Miss Ellen Enright, a nurse.

This William Lewis lived in Harlem and was an accountant and a man of some means. The William Lewis who came to live with the Meaghers in January, 1905, and remained there until July of that year, when he disappeared was known as a waiter in cheap restaurants. A photograph of the Harlem William Lewis was seen by the Meaghers today and they recognized it as a likeness of the Lewis they knew. Miss Enright never heard from her fiancé after his disappearance.

V. M. I. CLOSED TILL JAN. 4.

Epidemic of "Pink Eye" Causes Suspicion at the Institution.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 21.—Colonel E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, has closed the school with an order giving the cadets turlough from Nov. 21 to Jan. 4, 1911.

The order became effective at noon today, and immediately the students began their preparations to leave for home.

A meeting of the board of visitors of the institution has been called for Friday, Nov. 25.

In dismissing the corps, General Nichols states that owing to an epidemic of "pink eye" at the college the cadets are unable to pursue their studies. It is also stated that the epidemic is of such a nature that even after a student is apparently cured the thing breaks out again.

The circular states that on account of the continued drought the water supply of the college is getting short. It is also stated that there were several cases of typhoid fever among the students.

CONTEND ADVANCED RATES NOT JUSTIFIED

Shippers Have Their Innings in Hearing Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—The shippers had their innings today in the contest before the Interstate Commerce Commission over the suspended proposed increase in freight rates on the Eastern trunk lines. Their contention was that the advances were not justified and that the real solution of the problem of meeting a railroad's need for greater net income lay in introduction of scientific principles of management.

This was the burden of the whole day's proceedings, the only witness for the railroads being President Joseph Ramsey, of the Ann Arbor railroad, the former head of the Wabash system, who defended the proposed increases as vitally necessary in view of the increased cost of operation and materials.

The hearing will continue through the week and the commission will not be prepared to decide the case, which involves an increased tariff on several thousand articles of traffic until well into next year.

The shippers' presentation of their contentions is in charge of Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston representing the commercial organizations of the Atlantic seaboard.

EDITOR MUST SERVE TERM.

Kansas Publisher Charged With Defamation of Character.

(By Associated Press)
ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov. 21.—F. D. Warren, of Girard, Kan., editor of a paper, "Appeal to Reason," must serve a term of six months in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, and pay a fine of \$1,000 imposed by a jury in the United States court of appeals filed today.

Warren was accused of sending through the mail envelopes, on the outside of which was printed "\$1,000 reward will be paid to any person who kidnaps Ex-Governor Taylor and returns him to the Kentucky authorities."

The indictment charged that the words were defamatory, and threatening, and intended to reflect injuriously on the character of William S. Taylor, a former governor of Kentucky.

Commissioners Meet.

(By Associated Press)
ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 21.—Commissioners of agriculture from nearly all the Southern states, as well as scores of other delegates, were present today when the twelfth annual convention of the Southern States' Association of Commissioners of Agriculture was called to order. The morning session was devoted to welcome and the address of the president, Rufus E. Rose, of Florida.

WAR CLOUDS GROW DARK OVER MEXICO

Uprising Situation Appears Serious and Preparations are Made for Attacks.

ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRE IS CUT BY GOVERNMENT

Precaution is Taken to Prevent the News Agency from Gleaning Information from Messages Being Sent Out—Troops are Ordered Out in Texas to Protect Border Counties.

TEXAS RANGERS ARE CALLED OUT.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Nov. 21.—Governor Campbell today ordered Captain J. H. Rogers and three Rangers, all who are available here, to go in haste to Seapata county. The men were sent on receipt of a telegram from District Attorney Valle that he had been advised by a Mexican general that an armed force of Mexicans was organizing there. This was all the information received. Seapata county is on the southwestern border, just below Webb county, of which Laredo is the county seat.

Higher Court Sustains Conviction of Philadelphia Men in Bibery Case.

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 21.—Two former councilmen of Pittsburgh, by a decision announced today by the state Superior Court in this city, must go to jail for accepting bribes to influence their votes as councilmen. The court sustained the convictions against M. F. Swift, Jr., and A. V. Simon, in the Allegheny County Court, the former for receiving \$81.10 for his vote in favor of vacating a county street and the latter for accepting a like bribe for his vote on the street ordinance and \$100 for his vote on a measure designating certain banks as depositories for city funds.

Delivers Over Prisoner.

CANTON, O., Nov. 21.—Judge Harter, in Common Pleas Court, today issued an order directing that W. K. Merrick, held here awaiting extradition to Georgia on a charge of attempt to defraud, be given into the custody of a Georgia officer, who came North for him.

TRANSFERS BEEF TRUST CASE.

Judge Landis Turns Action Over To Judge Carpenter.
(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 21.—Judge Landis today formally transferred the beef trust case to Judge Carpenter in the United States District Court. Judge Landis declined to issue a motion that he certify the case to the United States Circuit Court, as desired by the packers.

"The case is now in the hands of Judge Carpenter," said Judge Landis. "I have nothing to do with it. Any motion must be made in his court."

PURITAN CAN BE SAVED

Admiral Watt Reports on Condition of the Monitor.

BIDS FOR WORK ARE ASKED

Naval Officer Returns from Hampton Roads to Washington and Informs Department on Situation—Vessel Six Feet in Mud.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—While she has sunk six feet in the mud and seven feet of water is washing over her main deck, the monitor Puritan, with her turret and side armor battered by the experiment with explosive gelatine, can be saved and the question now is whether the government shall undertake the task or whether a private wrecking company shall be employed. This is the substance of the report to the secretary of the navy of Admiral Watt, chief constructor of the navy, who returned to Washington today from Hampton Roads, where he made a personal inspection of the disabled monitor.

The harbor and the after turret of the Puritan are awash but the vessel occupies an upright position and as she has not appreciably moved for several days, Admiral Watt believes that she will be safe for some days to come. Wrecking companies have been asked for bids for raising the vessel. The department prefers to let the work out if it can be done within a reasonable cost.

Big Fire in Harrisburg.

(By Associated Press)
HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 21.—The market square business section of Harrisburg, containing numerous stores and several hotels, was threatened for a time tonight by a fire which burned three office buildings, causing a loss of \$250,000.

DR. J. W. CRINGAN DIES SUDDENLY ON A TRAIN

Nelson County Physician Passes Away While En Route to Richmond On Vient.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 21.—Dr. John W. Cringan, a physician who lived at Arrington, Nelson county, died suddenly from heart failure while a passenger aboard a Chesapeake & Ohio train that arrived here at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

The physician intended visiting relatives at 1 North Third street, in this city. He had written them that he would arrive today, but it was several hours after the body had been taken from the train and removed to Billup's undertaking establishment that they learned of his death.

Dr. Cringan boarded the train at Gordonsville, and despite the fact that he had recently been in bad health he appeared strong enough to make the journey alone. Near Ashcake station several passengers saw him lunge forward in his seat and fall sidewise toward the floor.

He was dead when Conductor J. H. Mickie reached his side. Coroner Taylor viewed the body and gave his consent to its being prepared for burial, after determining that there were no suspicious circumstances connected with the physician's death.

Dr. Cringan was 30 years old, and had many friends in Richmond. Although arrangements for the funeral have not been completed services will probably be held Wednesday afternoon.

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Recommend Norfolk.

The committees on time, place and preacher reported to the Baptist General Association today, recommending that the next meeting be held in Freemason street church, Norfolk, Thursday, November 26, with Rev. J. E. Hicks as preacher of the annual sermon. The report on the missionary campaign showed that this cause had met with great success during the year. Dr. Carter discussed the report in an expressive speech. The report on home missions was presented by Rev. O. F. Sma, and Rev. N. I. Marston, of Atlanta, made the chief address, and Rev. J. M. Shelburne, of Bristol, also spoke.

Secretary J. T. Watts read the report of the B. Y. P. U., and addresses were delivered by Revs. A. R. Love and O. F. Gregory.

Special attention was given to the British encampment, which is to meet Monday evening, July 10, and to continue till July 16.

Virginia Beach is to be the place of meeting.

Dr. George W. McDaniel offered a resolution protesting against the proposed changes in the charter of Brown University, by which the institution would be eliminated from the Baptists.

Report of State Missions.

Sunday was bright and beautiful and great congregations heard the visiting ministers of the Baptist General Association, who used the pulpits of nearly all the Protestant churches. In the afternoon a mass meeting was held in the interest of state missions, and addresses were delivered by Secretaries Garland and Watts.

The board had in 1891, the first year of the secretaryship of Mr. William Ely, 85 missionaries. In 1910 it has 133 missionaries, 4 evangelists and a field secretary. Within this period there have been reported by the missionaries 49,922 conversions, 174 churches organized and 189 houses of worship built. In 1891 the contributions of the churches to state missions were \$12,957.15. This year they reach the total of \$37,765.25. The board reports the establishment of a denominational school in Buchanan county at a cost of several thousand dollars.

The Sunday school and colportage department had a very prosperous year. The report makes sorrowful record of the death of two missionaries, Revs. Joseph Leonard and John R. Quarles.

The missionaries of the board occupy 494 preaching stations. They report 1,986 conversions, 36 Sunday schools and 7 churches organized. Under preaching of the four evangelists there were 1,249 conversions. The entire amount gathered during the year for state missions and Sunday schools and colportage reached \$42,680.38.

Thomas L. Shippen Dead.

(By Associated Press)
PETERSBURG, VA., Nov. 21.—Thomas L. Shippen, who was collector of customs at Petersburg during the administration of President Cleveland, died here tonight, aged 88 years.

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