

RECEIVERSHIP IS ASKED FOR SEABOARD CREDITORS' APPLICATION

APPEAL MADE TO PRITCHARD

Counsel for Seaboard Railway Company and Creditors of Company Apply to Judge Waddill For Appointment of Receivers and Subsequently Agree to Make Application to Judge Pritchard—Later Application Will Obviate Necessity of Securing Ancillary Decrees in Each Court District Through Which Lines of Company Operate—Attorneys Go to Danville to Meet Judge Pritchard, Who is on His Way to Richmond—Later Report Says Attorneys and Judge Pritchard Are in Secret Conference, at Danville—Counsel Undermeyer Late Last Night Said His Party Went to Danville on a Matter of Business, But Would Not Give Out Anything—Application Follows Publication of Seaboard's Last Annual Statement.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Counsel for the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company and creditors of the company applied this afternoon to United States District Judge Waddill for the appointment of receivers and subsequently agreed to make application to Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, and thereby obviate the necessity of securing ancillary decrees in each of the court districts through which the lines of the company operate. With this trend in view Judge Leigh R. Watts, general counsel of the Seaboard, with other counsel, left for Danville, at 6:10 o'clock on a special train to meet Judge Pritchard at that point, it having been learned that he was on his way to Richmond to consider the matter tomorrow morning. Judge Waddill announced that he would appoint the receivers on certain conditions, but it was thought best to go to a court with larger jurisdiction.

The Times-Dispatch has just learned over the long distance telephone that Judge Pritchard and the counsel for the Seaboard are in conference at the Southern Railway station in Danville. They decline to give out anything for publication until the entire matter is settled.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 1.—A representative of The News talked over long distance phone late tonight with a reporter of The Danville Register, and learned that Samuel Undermeyer, attorney for the Seaboard Air Line, had made the following statement:

"Learning that Judge Pritchard was in Danville we came down here on the bare chance that he might be able to give us a hearing on a matter of business we have before him—that is all there is to it."

Pritchard Joins Party at Danville. Danville, Va., Jan. 1.—The private car containing the Seaboard Air Line counsel, headed by Samuel Undermeyer, of New York, Judge Leigh R. Watts, of Portsmouth, general counsel for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and Epha Hinton, Jr., of Richmond, reached here at 11:30 o'clock. There were aboard the car about 15 or 20 men, mostly lawyers, but among the number, Clerk of the United States Court Brady and Court Stenographer Raymond Brown.

The names of the other gentlemen could not be learned, as they refused to give them and would not talk. Undermeyer was questioned by an Associated Press correspondent, and stated that no application had been made for a receivership. He would not say whether an application would be made, but said that if no statement would probably be given out on the arrival of the party in Richmond.

Judge Pritchard reached the city about 12 o'clock and was at once taken to the Seaboard private car. He before Pritchard regarding the object of his trip to Richmond.

He left at 2 o'clock with the Seaboard counsel and with Clerk Brady and Stenographer Brown, and will probably hold a hearing en route to Richmond.

Offer to Purchase Maturing Coupons. Baltimore, Jan. 1.—In an advertisement which will appear in tomorrow morning's papers Blair & Co. and Lauenburg, Thalman & Co., of New York, offer to purchase the coupons maturing to-day, on a long list of securities of railroads identified with the Seaboard Air Line and also the equipment bonds of the Seaboard that mature on the same date, these purchases to be at face value. The offer holds as to all such coupons and equipment bonds as may be presented on or before February 28th at the Union Trust Company, New York, or the Continental Trust Company, this city. The advertisement states that the offer is made "in order that the integrity of the Seaboard Air Line Railway system may be maintained pending an opportunity for the formulation of proper plans for the readjustment of its affairs."

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—S. Davies Warfield returned to this city tonight from New York. But when seen by a representative of the Associated Press said that it would be inexpedient for him to make any statement relative to the Seaboard Air Line situation pending the application for the appointment of receivers.

It is known here that conferences have been in progress, the outcome of which might possibly be the staying off of the receivership, but the Associated Press dispatch from Richmond is taken to indicate that the conference attended to have not had a favorable outcome.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

Judge Newman Refuses to Grant Injunction Against Georgia Prohibition Law and Saloons Have Closed Up—Predicted Disturbance Does Not Materialize.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—The most notable feature of the first day of prohibition in Georgia was the refusal of Judge W. P. Newman, in the United States Circuit Court, to grant an injunction pending litigation, which would prevent the putting into effect of the prohibition law. Papers in the case were filed late Tuesday on behalf of two breweries, one in Chattanooga and the other in Cincinnati. Judge Newman simply filed a memorandum reading as follows:

"After careful consideration an injunction pendente lite will not be granted this being true, it is unnecessary to call on the defendants to show cause."

The lawyers for the plaintiffs in the case told the Associated Press tonight that the decision of Judge Newman did not have the effect of throwing the proceedings out of court, but that the case would come up in the regular order of business, and it was expected that it would be ready for trial in about two months.

In the meantime prohibition is in effect in every district of Georgia. Notwithstanding predictions that the enforcement of the law on the first day of the new year, which is a recognized holiday in all parts of the State, would bring about disturbances there was not the slightest disorder.

The saloon men in Atlanta evidently believe the legal aspect of the situation will not be an active one of putting them back into business for they were busy to-day ripping out fixtures and carting their goods to storehouses, or to railroads for shipment to States where liquor is allowed to be sold.

Under the law the defendants in the action against the prohibition bill will have until March in which to demur or file an answer. This leaves the whole matter in abeyance until that time.

The Light at Asheville, and to the Roads, For Retaliation.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 1.—The "lid" went on tight in Asheville to-day. All the saloons closed permanently last night some of them going out of business throwing in tons of goods into the time limit. 11 o'clock. To-day has been like a Sunday in the booze centre. Everything is quiet. The Judge of the city police court, before whom will come a mass of violation of the liquor laws, and today the judge will be like a Sunday in the booze centre. Everything is quiet. The Judge of the city police court, before whom will come a mass of violation of the liquor laws, and today the judge will be like a Sunday in the booze centre.

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EXPLOSION IN STEEL PLANT.

Two Men Killed and Thirteen Injured by Explosion in Pittsburg Steel Works—Shrapnel Iron Roof Blown Off and Walls Collapsed.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—Two men were killed and 13 others were injured by an explosion in converter No. 3, of the Edgar Thompson plant, of the United States Steel Company, at North Braddock, Pa., this morning. The explosion occurred at 11:30 o'clock. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. The explosion was caused by a rupture in the converter, which caused a large quantity of molten metal to be thrown out, striking the iron roof and blowing it off, and causing the walls to collapse.

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BROOKLYN'S BAD RECORD.

"City of Churches" Surpasses Manhattan in Its Long List of Crimes Committed During Days—Scores of Assaults, Murders and Minor Offenses.

New York, Jan. 1.—A long record of killings, assaults, accidents and minor crimes was written in Brooklyn police blotters to-day, even more than in larger Manhattan. The police had scores of assault cases in both boroughs.

Gas escaping from a partly open burner asphyxiated Jacob Spriester, a young man, in his home in Ocean Parkway Brooklyn. The body was found by a neighbor, who called the police, who shot and killed Michael Schindler, an outcome of an altercation in Carroll street. Hatlie Shubert took umbrage at a remark made by her husband Max Shubert, in their home on 14th street, and stabbed him with a knife.

After a quarrel with his wife as to the manner of celebrating New Year, Archibald P. Mitchell, who several years ago was arrested for the murder of a wealthy West Virginia politician, took his life early to-day by inhaling illuminating gas in his home on West Seventy-first street, Manhattan. Mitchell was recently engaged in the manufacture of cigars.

BIG FIRE IN COAL CENTRE.

Flames Are Beyond Control of Fire Department—Fire Helicopters Used to Fight Fire—Most of the Town Will Be Destroyed.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—Fire is raging in Coal Centre, about 50 miles south of here on the Monongahela river. It is beyond control of the town's fire department and has been called for Charleston and other nearby towns. It is feared that most of the town will be destroyed.

The fire started in the tipple of the Vesta mine, owned by the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, of this city, which was practically destroyed. The loss on the tipple alone, it is said, will exceed \$100,000.

At midnight the flames had swept an area equal to a city block and were still spreading. Most of the buildings in the town were small and inexpensive.

SITUATION IS PUZZLING FOR REGULATION OF BANKS

WHAT WILL THE COAST LINE DO? Standing Master Montgomery Says No Postponement Has Been Asked

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GOVERNOR HUGHES' MESSAGE

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The Governor's message was a comprehensive one, covering a wide range of subjects. He called for a more efficient government, and for a more equitable distribution of the State's resources. He also called for a more active role for the State in the promotion of the public good.

The Legislature responded to the Governor's message with a series of resolutions. It agreed to support the Governor's program, and to take the necessary steps to carry it out. It also passed a number of bills, which will have a far-reaching effect on the State's affairs.

The day's session was a busy one, and the Legislature adjourned late in the evening. The Governor's message and the Legislature's response to it will be a landmark in the history of the State.

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