

## REVOLT GROWS; SEVERAL TOWNS TAKEN BY REVOLUTIONISTS, MORE FIGHTING

Report That Revolutionists at 4 This Morning Attacked Parral, Chihuahua, Lost 15, and Were Repulsed.

### MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN STATE OF CHIHUAHUA

Associated Press Telegraph to Monterey and Mexico Commandeered, and News Is Hard to Get.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 22.—President Diaz's government is confronted with a serious revolutionary movement. Francisco I. Madero, the reputed rebel leader is believed to be near his home in Coahuila. Yesterday three bodies of revolutionists attacked the military barracks at Orizaba and liberated and armed prisoners.

Great difficulty is experienced in getting authentic reports from disturbed sections. Censorship is strict. In many instances the government has taken possession of telegraph wires, to the exclusion at least of press dispatches.

### DRIVEN BACK FROM ORIZABA AFTER FREEING PRISONERS

Orizaba, Mex., Nov. 22.—The revolutionists have returned to the city here. They freed the prisoners but were driven back after a lively engagement with troops.

### THREE RICH TOWNS.

Enlace, Tex., Nov. 22.—Mexican revolutionists have captured three rich towns in the rich Texas river valley, Gomez Palacio, Laredo and Torreon. The death toll is reported heavy at Torreon, where 1000 revolutionists, armed with modern long range guns, swept the city with terrific fire for several hours. No Americans are reported killed.

Forty Revolutionists Put to Death. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 22.—A report reached here this morning that 40 revolutionists were put to death last night at Pueblo.

### General Fighting Reported.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 22.—General fighting is reported at Orizaba, Rio Blanco, Anagales and Santa Rosa, in Vera Cruz, where troops were sent yesterday. Some miles, it is said, were used. These are cotton manufacturing towns. Ten thousand employees in Orizaba are against the government.

It is reported that in Pachuca Americans are fleeing. Cards reading "Death to Yankees" and "Down with Gringos" are posted over the town. Many cards read "Kill Diaz and his Yankee friends." An American arriving from Torreon declared the mayor and two American were killed there Sunday by revolutionists and Laredo, Gomez Palacio and Torreon are all virtually in the hands of revolutionists.

It is reported that revolutionists attacked the town of Parral, in the state of Chihuahua, at 4 o'clock this morning and were repulsed with the loss of 15 men. The situation on the border remains unchanged. No disturbances have taken place in Juarez. The revolutionists have evacuated Gomez Palacio, withdrawing peacefully to the hills. Torreon has been placed under martial law. At Acapulco 300 men broke into the jail, letting the prisoners free, and looted pawnshops, confiscating ammunition.

According to advices received this morning, San Antonio, San Andres, Torreon, Ranch, Minaca, Encinillas, Guerrero and the surrounding country were taken last night by revolutionists, who confiscated all stores and military equipment and surrounded all cattle and horses. Chihuahua is under martial law.

Mexican Government Seizes A. P. Wire. Laredo, Texas, Nov. 22.—The situation in Mexico appeared serious last night. For the first time in the 15 years of operation, the leased wire of The Associated Press from Laredo to Monterey and Mexico City was commandeered by the Mexican government on the plea of military need, and the Federal circuit manager in Nuevo Laredo was ordered to cut off the Laredo office of The Associated Press to prevent information being gleaned from messages moving over the wire. These instructions emanated from the headquarters of the Federal telegraph in Mexico City, where it was explained that the government would require the full capacity of all telegraph facilities throughout the night.

Coming as it does after what was officially reported to have been a perfectly tranquil Sunday throughout the greater part of the republic, broken only by a few almost insignificant disorders in the smaller places, this action on the part of the government would appear to lend substance to the rumors of bloody riot at Zacatecas, Gomez Palacio, and Torreon, the authenticity of which has been in doubt. These important cities are situated in a region which has been disaffected for years. Gomez Palacio and Torreon are cities of about 15,000 and 25,000 inhabitants, respectively, and are located four miles apart in the Laguna district of the state of Coahuila.

Insurrection of 1908 which was quickly quelled by the federal government and which is supposed to have eventuated in the sending of General Bernardo Reyes who had been proclaimed leader by the revolutionists to Europe.

Almost at once the same element that had recognized Reyes as their standard bearer turned to Francisco Madero, and nominated him for president of the republic in opposition to the incumbent, Porfirio Diaz in the elections held last spring.

Madero and his supporters claimed that they were not accorded fair treatment in the campaign, and Madero was imprisoned on the charge of insulting the government by his statement that he could not get justice in the court. He was held in prison until some weeks after election day, when the existing government was overwhelmingly returned to power, after which he was released on bail and made his way to San Antonio, Texas, from which point he is alleged to have been secretly preparing his partisans for the widespread revolt which was planned to commence last Sunday November 20.

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## Asquith Yields To Suffragettes

He Is in Power Next Session, Government Will Give Facilities for Consideration of Their Bill.

London, Nov. 22.—Premier Asquith has yielded to the importunities of the suffragettes, and in the house of commons today announced that if he was still in power at parliament's next session, the government would give facilities for consideration of a woman's franchise bill, so framed as to admit of free amendment.

Asquith was assailed by suffragettes in the precincts of the house of commons today, and was saved from rough handling by the prompt arrival of a strong body of police.

## Crippen to Hang At 8 Tomorrow

Announcement Taken Away All Hope He May Have That of a Delay at the Eleventh Hour.

London, Nov. 22.—Dr. Hawley H. Crippen will be hanged at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

This announcement was made today and with it passed all hope that the condemned man may have had of an eleventh-hour delay.

## CLASS A STARTS BASKET BALL LEAGUE ON FRIDAY

Games Will Be Played During the Afternoon—Class B Will Play Saturday Morning—Bible Classes.

The first games in the Y. M. C. A. basketball league will be played Friday afternoon of this week between the class A teams while the class B teams will play Saturday morning of this week.

The schedule for the class A teams of games to be played Friday is as follows:

Clarence Young, captain, vs. George Shuford, captain, 2:30 to 3:15.

Wilbur Sumner, captain, vs. Don Randolph, captain, 3:15 to 4.

Walter Hunt, captain, vs. Malcolm Burkack, captain, 4 to 4:45.

Rockey Newton, captain, vs. George Craig, captain, 4:45 to 5:30.

The class B teams will play their games Saturday morning of this week from 9:10 to 11:45. Their schedule is as follows:

George Mears, captain, vs. Karl Schartzle, captain, 9:30 to 10:15.

Horace Robertson, captain, vs. William Brown, captain, 10:15 to 11.

Elbert Chambers, captain, vs. Mark Lanes, captain, 11 to 11:45.

The Bible classes will start Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, lasting just 45 minutes. The text book will be "The Gospel in Athletic Phrases" by R. A. Waite, Jr., and will be made especially interesting for the boys.

### THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday.  
For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

## OLD FORT CITIZEN COMMITTS SUICIDE

J. A. Bloomer, Manager of Tannic Acid Plant, Cuts His Throat With Butcher Knife.

News has been received here of the suicide at Old Fort, McDowell county, yesterday morning of J. A. Bloomer, manager of the tannic acid plant at that place. The suicide of Mr. Bloomer was a great shock to his family. He was one of the most highly respected citizens of that section and while he had suffered with rheumatism for some time he had showed no signs of insanity and it is believed that the rash act was committed in a moment of temporary derangement.

Mr. Bloomer was in a most cheerful mood Sunday and with his family went over the Sunday school lesson for next Sunday. He retired as usual Sunday night and arising about 7 o'clock yesterday morning said that he was going down to the kitchen to start the fire. He did go to the kitchen and took one eye from the stove. He evidently then became deranged and picking up a butcher knife from off the kitchen table went to the rear of an out-house and cut his throat from ear to ear. His prolonged absence alarmed the family and search was made with the result that Mr. Bloomer was found in a dying condition with the butcher knife by his side. He endeavored to speak to his wife but could not be heard. Physicians called in attended the wound and sewed up the cut but their efforts were in vain and Mr. Bloomer died about 9 o'clock. The remains will be temporarily interred at Old Fort and later will be taken to Pennsylvania for permanent burial.

## A SURPRISE SPRUNG IN FREIGHT HEARING

Shippers Admit They Were Requested to Testify by G. W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Investigation of proposed freight rate advances in the eastern trunk line territory was resumed today before the Interstate Commerce commission. Shippers continued the presentation of their case.

Influence of the big banking and railroad securities firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, on the testimony of shippers was injected into hearing. This surprise was sprung by Attorney Leon of the commission, who induced witnesses representing big furniture industries at Grand Rapids, Mich., to say their appearance was at suggestion of George W. Perkins of the Morgan syndicate, which dominates many railroad interests.

The significance of this testimony was that stories were recently circulated indicating the plan of railroads thus to commit the shippers and then bring about a uniform increase of rates.

## HERBERT ALLEN TALKS OF COMMISSION PLAN

He Reviews Movement Here, and Discusses Their Tentative Plans.

Discussing the commission form of government and the agitation for the plan's adoption now going on in Asheville, Herbert C. Allen of the Asheville Transfer company, who was appointed a member of the board of aldermen when Greater Asheville was created, and who with natural modesty admits that he was one of the first to not the first to begin the movement had this to say in conversation with a Gazette-News man:

"The movement started about two years ago and while it has progressed slowly it has grown surely. Some months ago the board of trade appointed a committee composed of George S. Powell, S. Lipinsky, Judge Pritchard, Haywood Parker and John A. Nichols, and the Retail Merchants association appointed H. Redwood, W. B. Williamson and H. C. Allen to make an investigation and report. Of the joint committee Judge Pritchard was chairman and his report, submitted to the organization, was adopted and approved by the committee made permanent. This report was made only after considerable investigation.

"Later a committee on investigation from Central Labor Union was appointed and two of the members, J. L. Murphy and Mr. Robinson, who were in Des Moines recently for a meeting of the carpenter's union, inspected the operations there. They seemed much impressed with its operations.

"The plan is to have a general enabling act passed by the legislature after that bill has been approved by the local committee having the movement in charge, and then it will be referred to the people for ratification. It will probably embody the initiative, referendum and recall features. There is some difference of opinion whether the election should be held before the regular spring city election or some time in the summer or fall following."

## ELABORATE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LUNAR ECLIPSE

Best Ever Taken Were Made by Prof. Pickering of Harvard's Astronomy Department, He Says.



PHOTOGRAPH OF LUNAR ECLIPSE TAKEN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 20.—Prof. E. C. Pickering, chief of Harvard university's department of astronomy, made photographs of the lunar eclipse which he says, are the best ever taken. Five instruments were used by the Harvard astronomers, three of eight, eleven and sixteen inches, respectively, and two of smaller size.

At the request of the Poulkova Observatory, observations of the occultation of the stars were made with the 15-inch equatorial instrument, under the direction of Professor Wendell. These observations are considered as of the utmost importance, as similar conditions may not occur for a long time.

Faint lines on the plates indicate fixed stars, which were brought into vision by the darkness incident to the eclipse, and as the camera was moved to keep the moon within range they themselves appear to have moved.

## WILL GIVE BIG DINNER FOR GOVERNORS-ELECT

Six Who Came in With Democratic Wave to Meet at Banquet of 800, Dec. 15.

New York, Nov. 22.—The National Democratic club will give a complimentary dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, December 15, to six democratic governors-elect.

They are John A. Dix of New York, Judson Harmon of Ohio, Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts, Governors-elect Baldwin of Connecticut, Wilson of New Jersey and Plaisted of Maine. The dinner will be for 650 plates.

## LIQUOR SELLING CASES FEATURE COURT SESSION

A Number of Cases Not Prosecuted in Absence of Prosecuting Witnesses.

Today was scheduled as "tiger" day in city police court but the result of the morning session gained little for the advocates of prohibition and the prosecution of liquor cases. In fact with the absence of material witnesses—state's witnesses—the alleged "tigers" had everything practically their own way and there was nothing left for the court to do but not prosecute a number of cases that had been pending for days. When the "tiger" docket was called there were some 14 or 15 retailing cases set for trial. In the three cases against Horace Melton, pending when Superior court convened, Judge Cooke ordered that Melton, pro. be then in each case, saying that Melton was now on the county chain gang serving 20 months for retailing.

Zeb O'Kelley was a star witness for the state against J. L. Ivey and Joe Metcalf. He was on hand bright and early and gave his testimony at some length. After the state's evidence was in the cases were continued until tomorrow when final judgment will be rendered.

John Mull was another star witness for the state. Mull testified against W. P. Dagnell and J. L. Ivey. His character was severely attacked, however, and declared bad by citizens.

In the cases of Joe Metcalf, Ed. Keith and P. H. Thrash, were W. A. Dewese was the prosecuting witness, not pro. was taken in each case upon the failure of the prosecuting witness to put in an appearance.

An entry of not pro. was also ordered in the cases of Joe Metcalf, Duddie Earwood, J. L. Ivey and W. P. Dagnell where H. F. Enslay was the prosecuting witness. Enslay after turning up the alleged "tigers" saw fit not to appear. He was called out and today the court disposed of the cases by ordering a not pro. in each case.

Fire, Starting in Toy Store, Does \$200,000 Damage.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 22.—Fire today threatened to destroy Madison square business section this morning, causing \$200,000 damage. The fire started in a toy establishment.

## HAS CAPTURED 12 OF THE THIRTEEN

Lexington County Sheriff Rounding up Negro Rioters Who Killed Man on Circus Train.

Sheriff P. H. Corley of Lexington county, South Carolina, passed through Asheville late yesterday afternoon en route from Kentucky to his home, having in custody a negro charged with being implicated in the murder of a young railroad man. Paul Williams, during the early part of October, it will be remembered that when the Hackenback & Wallace show was passing through South Carolina, October 2, a row occurred; a general fight was the result and negroes on the train assaulted and murdered Mr. Williams and killed his body off the train.

It was alleged at the time that some 13 negroes were implicated in the riot and the murder, and the officers of Lexington county, South Carolina, immediately set to work to bring the guilty persons to justice. To the credit of Sheriff Corley 12 of the accused have been captured and placed behind the bars while the sheriff in conversation with the Asheville officers yesterday afternoon declared that he had the 13th man located and that he would have him behind the bars in less than one month. The negro, that Sheriff Corley had in custody yesterday was located in Kentucky, after hard work and the expenditure of more than \$200. The cost of capture, however, was of little consequence to the authorities of Lexington county, and now that all save one of the negroes implicated have been jailed it is believed that the capture of the last negro will be an easy matter.

It is expected that as a result of the foul murder of the railroad man some one or more of those implicated will go to the gallows and that the others will serve long terms in the state's prison. The riot and the murder on the circus train was entirely unprovoked and since its occurrence more than a month ago the authorities of South Carolina have worked untiringly in an effort to bring the guilty parties to justice.

## POISONING MIDSHIPMEN TO DISCREDIT NEW CHIEF

That Is Charge Being Investigated, Against Commissary Steward and Second Cook at Academy.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 22.—Suspected of complicity in a malicious attempt to make as many midshipmen ill as possible and thereby cast reflection upon the ability of a recently appointed chief cook, C. J. Ridgeley, commissary steward, and William Harris, second cook, both colored, have been suspended from duty and forbidden to enter the naval academy, pending completion of rigid inspection.

## MAJORITY OF DEMOCATS IN HOUSE WILL BE 63

Roster for Next House Shows 227 Democrats, 163 Republicans and Lone Socialist.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Democratic representation in the next house will be 227 as against 163 republicans and one socialist, according to the house roster, published today.

These figures give the democrats a majority of 62 and a plurality of 64.

### FLOCKING TO ZASEIKA.

Special Trains Poured in Through the Night and Morning, Bearing Delegations to Tolstol's Funeral.

Tula, Russia, Nov. 22.—Throughout the night and during early morning hours special trains arrived at Zaseika, near the Yasnaya Polyana estate, bearing delegations to the funeral of Count Tolstol.

The special train bringing Tolstol's body from Astapora arrived at Zaseika at 4 o'clock this morning. The funeral party was met by throngs of mourning peasants. The peasants marched at the head of the procession; then came student choirs, chanting memorial hymns, and four carriages filled with wreaths. The count's sons, dressed slowly under the weight of the casket, according to Russian custom Tolstol's sons wore the bearers, and carried the casket on their shoulders about two miles. The interment was on a hill in Afurum wood, late this afternoon.

### President's Panama Cruise Ended.

Fort Monroe, Nov. 22.—President Taft's Panama cruise came to an end here today. The armored cruisers Tennessee and Montana with the presidential party aboard dropped anchor at 11:20 a. m. The president remained aboard the Tennessee for luncheon and left this afternoon for Richmond, where he expects over night, reaching Washington late tomorrow.

## GRAFTING FRAT., GET RICH QUICK MEN, FAKE PROMOTERS, WILL LIVE HARD

## REPORTS ADOPTED AT FINAL SESSION

Rev. H. K. Boyer Elected Secretary of Board of Missions at a Salary \$2500 a Year.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 22.—The Western N. C. Methodist conference has passed into history. The features of the closing session yesterday was the adoption of reports and the reading of the appointments for next year.

The report of the committee on temperance endorsed the North Carolina Anti-Saloon league and its work, condemned the sale of near-beer and included a resolution that the next general assembly be petitioned to prohibit the sale of near-beer. The action of the general conference in recommending that the preachers abstain from using tobacco was endorsed.

The report of the board of missions contained a recommendation that the assessments for foreign missions and domestic missions during the coming year be fixed at \$21,500.

C. H. Neal offered a strong resolution opposing the increase of the assessment of the conference for 1912 by the various boards of the church. Speaking in support of his resolution, he referred to the high cost of living now prevailing over the country, and said there is a limit of possibility financially and that the limit in this conference had about been reached.

"There are a lot of men," he said, "sitting in their offices in Nashville who are indulging in large visions and they have a way of thinking that the preachers and laymen in the different conferences will come across with the money, but there is a danger in carrying this increase into effect this year."

The Rev. H. K. Boyer was elected secretary of the board of missions at a salary of \$2500.

Following are the conference appointments, in addition to those telegraphed yesterday afternoon:

**Greensboro District.**  
W. R. Ware, Presiding Elder; Asheville Station, C. A. Wood; Asheville Circuit, R. A. Taylor; Coleridge, R. L. Melton; Denton, J. P. Hornbuckle; East Greensboro, S. T. Barber; Greensboro, Caraway Memorial, S. E. Richardson; Greensboro, Centenary, D. M. Litaker, W. L. Grissom, supernumerary; Greensboro, Spring Garden, J. W. Long; Greensboro, Walnut Street, J. E. Woolley; Greensboro, West Market Street and Bethel, E. K. McLarty; West Greensboro, W. L. Dawson; High Point, South Main Street, J. E. Baves; High Point, Washington Street, J. H. Barnhardt; Liberty, J. R. Betts; Pleasant Garden, J. A. Sharp; Rameur and Franklinville, O. P. Ader; Randleman and Naomi, R. E. Hunt; Randolph Circuit, A. S. Raper; Reidsville Station, W. F. Womble; Ruffin Circuit, C. H. Caviness; Unwarrie, T. E. Weaver; West Christ, A. L. Aycock; Editor N. C. Christian Advocate, H. M. Blair; Assistant Editor N. C. Christian Advocate, W. L. Sherill; Secretary-Treasurer, G. F. College, W. M. Curtis; Missionary to Corea, J. R. Moore.

**Winston District.**  
T. F. Marr, Presiding Elder; Advance, L. L. Smith; Coolemans, W. X. Scales; Davidson Circuit, J. T. Rutledge; Davis, A. J. Burrus; Farmington, A. G. Loftin; Forsyth, D. P. Waters; Kernersville, H. C. Byrum; Lewisville, J. B. Tabor; Mocksville, B. Margison; North Thomasville, P. E. Parker; Thomasville, Main Street, R. M. Courtney; Walkertown, J. C. Harmon; Winston, Burkhead, W. M. Bile; Winston, Centenary, J. E. Abernethy; Winston, Grace and Liberty, L. W. Collins; Winston, Southside and Salem, J. S. Hatt; Winston, West End, W. A. Lambeth; Lexington Station, A. L. Stanford; Linwood, A. R. Surratt; Jackson Hill, E. M. Avert; Missionary to Cuba, H. W. Baker; Agent for Child's Home, J. P. Rogers.

**Mount Airy District.**  
R. M. Taylor, Presiding Elder; Danbury Circuit, R. L. Doggett; East Bend Circuit, J. M. Folger; Dobson Circuit, H. M. Jackson; Elkin Station, R. G. Tuttle; Jonesville Circuit, W. K. Greer, supply; Leaksville Station, F. L. Townsend; Madison and Mayodan, W. F. Elliott; Mt. Airy Circuit, J. D. Gibson; Mt. Airy Station, J. P. Kirk; Pilot Mountain, J. C. Richardson; Rural Hall, T. E. Wyche; Spray and Draper, T. C. Jordan; Stoneville, O. P. South; Summerfield, C. P. Goode; Walnut Cove, J. H. Brendall; Yadkinville, W. T. Carner, supply.

**Nataville District.**  
E. L. Bain, Presiding Elder; Alexander Circuit, W. O. Davis; Caldwell Circuit, J. G. W. Holloway; Catawba, B. Wilson; Davidson, R. S. Albright; Granite Falls, W. F. Sanford; Hickory Circuit, N. T. Smathers, supply; Hickory Station, T. T. Mann; Iredell Circuit, J. P. Davis; Lenoir Circuit, E. M. Price; Lenoir Station, C. M. Pickens; Maiden, C. H. Curtis; Mooresville Station, J. E. Thompson; Newton, E. W. Fox; Rock Springs, T. E. Wagg; Statesville Circuit, L. D. Rankin; West Statesville Circuit, E. K. Yates; Statesville, Broad Street, H. Turner; Statesville, Race Street, B. F. Hargett; Stony Point, T. P. Johnson; Troutman, J. J. Edwards; Conference Missionary Evangelist, D. H. Coman; President Davenport College, J. B. Craven.

**Charlotte District.**  
J. B. Scroggs, Presiding Elder. (Continued on page 4.)

## Postmaster General Leads Two Raids in New York, and Plans to Arrest These Gentry All Over Country.

THEY REAPED \$100,000,000  
IN A FEW YEARS, HE SAYS

One Concern Has Cleared \$15,000,000  
000 Selling Worthless Securities

—Government Evidently Means Business.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Postmaster General Hitchcock's crusade against "get rich quick" concerns is expected to cause a general exodus of fake promoters from the city. The postmaster general is determined to send to jail this class of promoters, who, he says, have sold one hundred million dollars of worthless securities in the last five years.

Many arrests are expected throughout the country within the next few days.

Officials of Burr Brothers company, Shelton D. Burr, Frank H. Toby and Eugene H. Burr, arrested yesterday, spent the night in the Tombs in default of \$10,000 bail each. The Burr Brothers concern is said to have cleared over 15 million dollars in stock operations.

### Two Raids Made.

In raids so important that Postmaster General Hitchcock took charge in person, his assistants fell on two concerns yesterday afternoon which they charge with swindling the public out of more than forty millions by the fraudulent use of the mails. Sheldon H. Burr, president of the Burr brothers, and Eugene Burr, secretary of the firm, and Frank T. O'Brien were arrested in the first raid and were held in \$10,000 bail each. The government charges that the firm sold between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of mining stock and oil stock worth little or nothing. Charles L. Vaughn, a director of the Continental Wireless corporation 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 one million which has brought no return to the investors.

Both raids yesterday are further evidence that the government in its warfare against alleged interstate swindlers means business and no longer will be content with issuing them fraud orders denying them the use of the mails but will press for the conviction on criminal charges. The conviction campaign began some two 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 of the El Progresso Banana company, of the United Exchange of Chicago, the Steele-Miller cotton firm of Corinth, Miss., and more than 60 other firms in all parts of the country.

Mr. Hitchcock's statement follows: "The arrests by the postoffice inspectors of the principals of two important companies with offices in the Flatiron building are the results of the investigations made by the inspectors of the fraudulent use of the mails. With the work accomplished today 74 such cases have been brought to a head during the year. It is estimated that the swindling operations of these 74 companies have fished from the American people over \$100,000,000. The crusade now in progress is the result of a carefully laid plan of some months."

The postmaster general declared in conclusion that "the results already accomplished by the department represent only the beginning of the work of investigation and prosecution will proceed with all possible vigor through the use of the mails brought to an end."

## WILL BUILD CHATAQUA AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

North Methodist Committee Yesterday Accepted Proposition

There.

According to information received here this afternoon the committee appointed by the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Canton some weeks ago met yesterday at Black Mountain and agreed to accept the proposition of establishing at Black Mountain a chataqua similar somewhat to that of the Presbyterian at Mount and the Baptists at Blue Mt. There are about 400 to 500 acres of land in the grounds which includes the property of J. C. Coggin, J. W. Dougherty and Rev. W. G. Malone.

The proposition before finally closed must be accepted by the synod and it is believed this will be done shortly. The chataqua is to embrace the so-called "Northern" Methodist east of the Mississippi river.