

## A NEW CENSUS REPORT ISSUED

Bureau of the Census Tells of the Progress of the Express Business

### INTERESTING FIGURES

Great Increase in Express Mileage. Six Companies, Adams, American, Pacific, Southern, United States, Wells-Fargo, Dominate the Business—Wells-Fargo Has the Largest Mileage, With American Next. The Six Companies Have More Than 90 Per Cent. of the Total Mileage.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 2—The bureau of the census has just issued a report giving the result of the second census of the express business. The statistics presented cover the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907 (except in the case of a few reports which cover the calendar year), and relate to those express companies which forward freight and valuable over some steam, electric, water, or stage line, and which do business in more than one town.

In 1907 there were 34 express companies as compared with 18 in 1890. Only ten of the companies reporting in 1890 were in existence under the same name in 1907, the remaining eight having gone out of business, have been absorbed by other companies, or are operating under other names.

The total express mileage has increased from 174,059 miles to 235,903 miles, a gain of 35 per cent. Both the mileage operated over railroads and that operated over water lines show large gains, the former having increased from 160,122 to 216,973 or 35.5 per cent., and the latter from 10,882 to 17,796, or 63.5 per cent.

In 1897 as in 1890 the express business was dominated by the following six companies: Adams, American, Pacific, Southern, United States, Wells-Fargo & Co. The last mentioned leads in the amount of mileage operated, with the American a close second. These six leading companies operated 92.7 per cent. of the total mileage in 1890, and 87.5 per cent. in 1907. The decrease in the percentage is accounted for by the increase in the number, and consequently in the mileage, of smaller companies and departments of railroads, and by the inclusion in the present census of mileage operated in Alaska and Porto Rico, territories which have been opened to the express companies since 1890. The total number of employees in 1907 was 79,284, or 73.4 per cent. greater than in 1890, and the total wages or salaries paid \$29,491,032, or 144.1 per cent. greater.

The number of money orders issued has increased from 4,598,567 in 1890 to 14,014,950 in 1907, a gain of 204.8 per cent.

In addition to the money orders issued in 1907, which had a total value of \$147,346,546, express companies issued 792,737 travelers' checks and letters of credit, of a value of \$20,828,932. The total value of financial paper issued by express companies, \$168,175,588, is 29.8 per cent. of the value of domestic and international money orders issued by the United States postoffice department. The value of all kinds of financial paper reported by the American Express Company was \$81,018,641, or nearly half of the total for all companies.

On the basis of a nominal par value of \$100 for the shares of interest, the combined capitalization of the express companies in the United States is \$68,852,200.

The total receipts of all the express companies amount to \$128,117,176, of which 97 per cent. is receipts from operation and 3 per cent. from other sources. Over 99 per cent. of the total receipts represents the receipts of the six leading companies.

#### Frank Hamilton Suspended.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2—Frank Hamilton, a member of the American team which won the Olympic track and field championships at the recent London games, has been suspended temporarily on charges of professionalism pending investigation by officials of the Central A. A. U. It is charged that Hamilton ran against a professional at Sioux City, Iowa, soon after his return from the Olympic games.

## Mme Steinheil Accused of Murder.



Mme. Steinheil, who is accused of the murder of her husband and mother and also of having poisoned the late President Faure.

## STATE DEMANDS CAMDEN TAXES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 2—Nearly \$2,000,000 is demanded by West Virginia as a forfeit from the estate of former United States Senator Johnson N. Camden for his alleged failure to report to the assessor the true value of his property during the last four years.

A suit was filed in the circuit court here late yesterday by the state against the Camden estate, claiming \$1,770,432.33 should be forfeited under the new state law, which provides for the forfeiture of 20 per cent. of the value of property not reported to the assessor for five years preceding the death of the property holder.

It is alleged that in 1905 alone, Senator Camden failed to report over \$2,000,000 worth of his property.

The suit brought is made returnable on December 22 in the circuit court here. It will be bitterly contested by the Camdens heirs, of which Johnson N. Camden, Jr., of Versailles, Ky., and Mrs. B. D. Spillman, of Winchester, Ky., are the most prominent.

#### TWO MYSTERIOUS DEATHS.

Doctor Accused of Murdering His Wife and Another Person.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Dec. 2—A mystery shrouding two deaths a few days apart in two prominent families has been asunder the peaceful life of Mulkeytown, a hamlet in Franklin county, in the southern part of the state.

After several months of smoldering suspicions and attempts to suppress the circumstances surrounding the tragedy, an investigation, recently instituted, culminated yesterday in the voting of an indictment for murder against Dr. B. F. Brayfield, one of the most prominent members of the community and well known for two decades in southern Illinois. He is charged with poisoning Reuben F. Parrish, the Illinois Central Railway agent at Mulkeytown.

Four days after the death of Parrish, who was attended in his illness only by Dr. Brayfield, the wife of the physician also died. Dr. Brayfield issued death certificates in each case, assigning a natural cause and no inquests were held.

Another indictment charging forgery was voted against Dr. Brayfield in connection with the steps he took to collect \$2,000 life insurance carried by his wife in the Royal Neighbors of America. He is accused of

## WASTE OF COAL THROUGH MINING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 2—An enormous amount of coal—240,000,000 tons—was wasted last year in the United States through imprudent mining operations, according to Prof. John A. Holmes, of the geological survey, who presented the report of the mineral section of the national conservation commission before that body yesterday. The commission held its first meeting since organization at the time of the white house conference and began a series of sessions to prepare its report for the president.

Dr. Holmes said the railroads of the country annually consumed 130,000,000 tons of coal—the Pennsylvania Railroad alone using 40,000 tons a day. In Europe, Dr. Holmes said, improved mining conditions allowed operators to remove from 85 to 100 per cent. of available coal. In this country only from 60 to 65 per cent. was recovered.

## AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS IN SESSION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 2—After weeks of preparation and strenuous work by able committees of Pittsburg men, the American Mining Congress opened this morning at Carnegie Hall, when at 10 o'clock the delegates were called to order by Samuel A. Taylor, chairman of the local executive committee, following the formal invocation by Chancellor S. B. McCormick, of the University of Pittsburg, and the addresses of welcome by President Lee S. Smith, of the chamber of commerce, on behalf of Mayor Guthrie, but Lieutenant-Governor Robert Murphy and Congressman James Francis Burke came the acknowledgments from President J. H. Richards, of the congress, and by other leaders of the body.

signing the name of Justice of Peace Harrison to a letter, advising the fraternal order that there was no reason why the policy should not be paid. Parrish had a policy in the Modern Woodmen for \$1,000.

The Franklin county grand jury which is in session at Benton, will return these indictments into Judge J. R. Creighton's court today or tomorrow. The body still is investigating the mysterious affair, however, and other indictments may follow.

## SEABOARD TO BUY ROLLING STOCK

Bids Asked for Material to the Amount of About \$900,000

### OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Besides improvements to Rolling Stock Seaboard is Preparing Specifications for Important Purchases of Track Material and Iron Steel Products for Shops—Work Has Been in Progress for Several Months on Terminals—Business Increasing at Gratifying Rate—Western Maryland and Southern to Make Improvements.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2—The Seaboard Air Line Company has asked builders to submit bids for furnishing rolling stock to a value of approximately \$900,000. The Seaboard is also preparing specifications for important purchases of track material and iron and steel products for shops. Work has been in progress for several months on new terminals, enlargement of old ones, erection of steel bridges, laying of heavy steel rails, and improvement of the service generally. The cost of these approximate \$4,500,000.

The business of the company is the October statement of earnings and expenses will be the most favorable issued since the receivers began operating the system, nearly a year ago. The Western Maryland Railroad has practically closed contracts with builders for rolling stock costing more than \$1,000,000.

According to reliable reports, the Southern Railway, in which local capital is largely invested, will be in the market in a few days for rolling stock and track material to the amount of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

## BURGLARS MAKE HAUL

Bank Vault Blown Open and \$14,000 Taken

After Getting Money Burglars Sped Away in an Automobile—Shock of Explosion Shook Entire Town of Peppercell—Police Hope to Trace Robbers by Means of Gold Coin.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Peppercell, Mass., Dec. 2—With consummate daring and skill which is little less than scientific, burglars early today blew open the vault of the First National Bank in the heart of the business district and looted it of \$14,000 and valuable papers and then sped away in an automobile.

Either dynamite or nitro-glycerine had been used and the shock which followed the muffled detonation shook the entire town. Three men were seen in the car speeding with the rapidity of the wind towards Groton, several miles distant. The police of all the neighboring cities were notified at once to look out for the car and three men but they have disappeared as completely as though swallowed up by the earth.

Ernest Tarbell, who was sleeping in the building adjoining the bank, was aroused by the explosion and jumped from his bed. Tarbell suspected a burglarious attempt on the bank and armed himself with a revolver before starting to investigate. He saw the three men leaving the bank and fired at them as they sped away in their automobile but apparently missed them.

A large quantity of gold was stored in the bank and the police hope to catch the robbers by tracing the coin. The bank building was nearly wrecked.

#### RELEASED ON BOND.

Frank Lee is Permitted to go Home to His Wife and Children.

Frank Lee, a white man from Johnson county, who was convicted of illicit distilling and sentenced to the federal prison at Atlanta, was released on bond today a telegram from Judge Boyd prevented his being sent to Atlanta with the other prisoners and he will again appear before Judge Boyd in January.

He is a young man, about 22 years old, and has a wife and two children.

## John Hughes Challenges Dorando.



"Lepper" John Hughes, the old time New York pedestrian who has challenged Dorando.

## BODY OF BIGGY NOT YET FOUND

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

San Francisco, Dec. 2—Although numerous boats have patrolled and searched the bay since daylight, from the Golden Gate to Hunters Point, and the officers of the ferry boats and other craft were asked to keep a sharp lookout, the body of Chief of Police William J. Biggy has not been found.

Theories as to his disappearance from the police launch patrol are various.

One is that he fell overboard shortly before midnight. An alternative is that he may have committed suicide. The patrol was returning to this place from Belvidere, on the north shore.

Chief Biggy was much worried and concerned over the attacks on him by some of the newspapers and charges and counter-charges growing out of the suicide at the county jail of Morris Haas, the assailant of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Homey, when he disappeared.

The police commissioners have appointed A. D. Cutter, president of the commission, acting chief of police, pending the appointment of a permanent head of the department.

#### BOARD IN SESSION.

North Carolina Board of Agriculture Meeting in Agricultural Building.

The state board of agriculture is in session here today. The officials of the department of agriculture are tendering their regular semi-annual reports.

The finance committee, composed of J. J. Laughinghouse, of Greenville; Wm. Dunn, of New Bern, and A. T. McCallum, of Red Springs, was in session yesterday and will make its report today to the board.

The other members of the board are: C. W. Mitchell, of Aulander; Ashley Horne, of Clayton; R. W. Scott, of Graham; J. P. McRae, of Laurinburg; R. L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, and A. Cannon, of Horehoe.

Major Wm. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, is ex-officio chairman.

## CORN KING WILL CORNER WHEAT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2—James A. Patten, the "corn king," with his partners today controls twenty million bushels of wheat—more wheat than any one crowd of men ever held in Chicago, the scene of the world's biggest corn deals, and \$1.10 wheat is looked for on the Board of Trade as a result of the colossal deal. With Mr. Patten in the big ring are William H. Bartlett, George W. Patten and Frank B. Frazier.

It is bigger than the Joe Letter deal, when that young plunger lost \$9,000,000 just after the world's fair. It is bigger than the John W. Gates' corner, in which millions were lost by the cornerer four years ago. It is bigger by at least 5,000,000 bushels than anything "Old Hutch" ever attempted in the long ago. And yet, it is not a corner. It is merely a colossal deal.

The Bartlett-Patten bull ring is not endeavoring to buy all the grain in the market and create an artificial condition as "Old Hutch" did when he forced wheat up to \$2.00. Its purpose is merely to take advantage of what is believed to be a world-wide condition, and to have a large amount of wheat to sell when the price soars.

In their opinion it will go to \$1.38 or \$1.40, not as a result of their purchase, but because of a combination of circumstances around the world over which no man can control.

#### HEADQUARTERS HERE.

Vice President of Large Lumber Concern Will Travel Out of Raleigh.

Mr. J. W. Warner, known to the "Knights of the Grip" as the popular Vice-president of the Coppock-Warner Lumber Company, of Philadelphia, has decided to make his headquarters in Raleigh and will from now on travel out of here. Mr. Warner is interested in a large number of mills throughout North Carolina and is very popular with everybody he comes in contact with. When in the city he will occupy rooms at the Yarrowburgh.

Mrs. Warner may feel assured of a warm welcome to our city.

## RIOTING AMONG STRIKERS TODAY

Trouble Caused By Drunken Detectives Firing Their Pistols at Crowd

### THE CROWD RETALIATES

General Fight Ensues, Resulting in Many Bruised Heads From Clubs and Brickbats, But No Pistol Wounds—Detectives Were Guarding the Strikebreakers, When Strike Sympathizers Came Up Close and Were Fired Upon—Office of Company Gives Out Statement, Saying That Detectives Were Too Drunk to Realize What They Were Doing

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 2—While drink-crazed detectives, employed to guard the strikebreaking employes of plant No. 1, of the National Fire-Proofing Company, at Kearsbey, fired their pistols over the heads of a gathering mob about the stockade of the plant this morning, the word went out that strikers and their friendly sympathizers were being murdered and in a short time men and women were rioting and blood was flowing freely.

It was alleged that the detectives, on account of the exposure to which they were subjected, had been given whiskey for a stimulant, and that this had created a frenzied condition of mind which led to the gun play.

A great number of men and women gathered about the stockade this morning in spite of the raw, cold winds which swept the moors about the plant. They jeered at the detectives and threw pebbles and sticks at them. Some of them started toward the stockade and the detectives evidently fearing a concerted attack, opened fire.

The firing angered the men and they started forward, while the detectives retreated to the gate of the stockade. There they stood while the 80 guards of the strikebreakers used revolvers and clubs upon the heads of the invaders. The strikers retaliated with bricks and stones and wrought panic in the ranks of the guards.

Wiser counsel prevailed and the mob was dispersed with the satisfactory information that justice would be dealt without discrimination. The following statement was given out at the office of the plant:

"The whole affair was due to the action of two drunken detectives who used their revolvers on their own initiative. They were not in condition to realize the seriousness of their deed. All is quiet now and we expect no further trouble."

Great excitement prevails today following the shooting. No one was struck by bullets and the only wounds were made by flying bricks and clubs.

#### PREACHED SON'S FUNERAL.

William Dietz, Ostracized and Fearing Officers, Has Hard Time With Sick Children.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 2—Ostracized and fearing to seek help from the outside world, William Dietz, the defender of Cameron Dam on the Thornapple river, preached his own son's funeral service, while a party of hunters, who had befriended him in the past, lowered the home-made coffin containing the body of Stanley, aged 8 years, into its hough-lined grave.

William Smith and others of the deer hunting party told of the pathetic incident on their return from Sawyer county.

Fighting off persecutors and officers alike, Dietz dared not seek medical aid when three of his children fell ill with pneumonia and when Stanley died Dietz went to the camp of the hunters nearby in search of assistance.

The men returned with him, and while the mother dressed the body for burial the hunters prepared a crude coffin of pine boards and built about it a rough box which they covered with evergreen.

On a mound behind the Dietz home a grave was dug and hidden beneath the fresh boughs the coffin was lowered into the grave, while the aged father repeated the funeral service.