

## PERKINS TELLS HOW TO DO IT

### Wants Commission to Control Big Business

Director George W. Perkins, of the Steel Corporation, before the Senate Committee today—believes in Federal License For Corporations and That Violations Should be Punished by Imprisonment Rather Than Revocation of License.

Washington, Dec. 13.—George W. Perkins, financier and a director of the United States Steel Corporation, told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today that the practical way to give the country's big business relief from existing uncertainty and depression, would be to create in the Commerce and Labor Department a business court or controlling commission, with power to license corporations doing interstate and international business.

Violation of the regulations laid down by such a commission, he urged, should be punishable by imprisonment of the individuals rather than by revocation of licenses. He said this commission or court should be composed largely of experienced business men; that anyone familiar with present business conditions realize that the "brakes are on," and that new enterprises are not being undertaken as freely as they should be.

### CAPE FEAR RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Special Communication to Congress From Secretary of War—26 Foot Channel at Mean Low Tide.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Secretary of War today sent a communication to Congress regarding the development of the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington. It is proposed to provide a channel 26 feet in depth at mean low water and 300 feet wide in the river and 400 feet wide on the bar, at an estimated cost of \$572,940, and with an annual appropriation of \$80,000 for maintenance. If the local authorities, the report says, will expend \$200,000 for terminal improvements the work should then be undertaken. However, the matter is put squarely up to the business interests of Wilmington. Another report which he sent in refers to the improvement of Swift Creek, Craven county. In this case it is recommended that nothing be done at present.

## LORIMER PROBE WILL LIKELY SOON END

Washington, Dec. 13.—The prospect for an early conclusion of the Lorimer election investigation has developed. Judge Haney, of Lorimer's counsel, expects to put Lorimer on the stand as the last witness before the first of next week. The investigating committee has only a few witnesses to call.

### ALL MEN

Are Invited to Attend Interesting Meeting at St. James' Church Tonight.

Tonight at 8:30 a meeting for men will be held at St. James' Parish House. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. Eugene Massie, attorney at law of Richmond, Va. This meeting is in the interest of Christian Missions, and its object is to decide upon some permanent plan by which the Christian men of the community may put into operation their interest in this larger work of the church. Mr. Massie is not an agent in any sense of the work of missions, but a busy layman who has found time amidst his busy duties to do his part in this forward movement for Christian evangelization. To his interest and earnest efforts were largely due the remarkable achievements for missions in the various churches in Richmond last year. As he is giving two days of his time, leaving his home and work in behalf of this work, it is hoped that the Christian men of Wilmington will show their appreciation by coming out in large numbers tonight.

Though this meeting was arranged for the benefit of the Episcopal congregations in the city, invitations have been sent to all the men of all the congregations in Wilmington to be present and take part.

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## THREE SUSPECTS IN THE TOOLS

### Supposed Coast Line Hold-Up Men Arrested

Nabbed as They Got Off the Train in Atlanta, and They Answer the Description of the Robbers—The Suspects Make Strong Denial.

Atlanta, Dec. 13.—Three men suspected of being implicated in the hold-up of the Atlantic Coast Line train, near Hardeesville, S. C., yesterday, were arrested today as they got off a Central of Georgia train. They gave names C. D. Gibson and Edward Gibson, brothers, and J. L. Putman. The first two answer the descriptions of the robbers. All entered denials.

## ACCIDENT BLASTS HOPE FOR NEW BIKE RECORD

New York, Dec. 13.—The worst spill of the 6-day bicycle race occurred this morning when Eddie Root and Menus Bedell were injured and retired. Fred Hill, Root's partner, and John Bedell, a brother of the retired rider, made up a new combination. A bursting tire on Eddie Root's bicycle caused the mishap and he went to the floor. Five others pined on him. The accident destroyed the hope that the race would establish a new record.

### DUE TO PRESIDENT

He Started Federal Inquiry Into the Dynamiting Case.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—President Taft personally initiated the Government's present investigation here and at Indianapolis into the dynamiting conspiracy in which the McNamara brothers figured.

## MONUMENT WILL STAND AT MAIN ENTRANCE

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—The monument to be erected by Ashley Horne, of Clayton, will be placed immediately in front of the main entrance of the new State building, facing Morgan street. Colonel Horne is receiving many compliments for his generosity in placing a monument to the women of the Confederacy. In a letter to Colonel Grimes he says he felt that the state would never erect a monument to the brave women.

### Royalty Was in Peril

Gibraltar, Dec. 13.—A number of British Royalties, including King George's sister, Princess Louise, with her husband, the Duke of Fife, and their daughters, were placed in jeopardy owing to the stranding of the liner Delhi, off Cape Spartel, in Morocco. Tugs and several war vessels were dispatched to the scene. Those aboard were rescued and landed.

## NEW RAILROAD CHARTERED FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—A charter was issued today to the Goldsboro, Seven Springs and Swansboro Railway Company to build and operate a railroad from Goldsboro to Swansboro, a distance of seventy miles. The authorized capital is a million, with five hundred thousand subscribed by R. C. Griffin, Wm. A. Robertson and other incorporators.

Georgia Man Gets Federal Plum. Washington, Dec. 13.—Marion Letchler, of Conyers, Ga., was nominated for Consul at Chihuahua, Mexico today by the President.

## JUDGE WARD'S OFFICIAL RESIGNATION RECEIVED

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—The resignation of Judge Ward was received by the Governor today. Stephens C. Bragg and W. C. Rodman are the only names yet mentioned for the vacancy.

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## POSTMAN'S DEFICIT INTO SURPLUS

### Postmaster Hitchcock Makes This Report

First Time Since 1883 There Has Not Been a Deficit in the Postoffice Department—Hitchcock Files His Report and Comments on Many Things—Advocates Parcel Post and Tells of Change in City Deliveries.

Washington, Dec. 13.—For the first time since 1883 the annual financial statement of the postoffice department shows a surplus instead of a deficit, says the report of Postmaster General Hitchcock, which has been made public.

The revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, amounted to \$237,879,823.60 and the expenditures to \$237,960,705.48, leaving a surplus of \$219,118.12. At the beginning of the present administration in 1909 the postal service was in arrears to the extent of \$17,479,770.47, which was decidedly the largest deficit on record. In the brief space of two years this deficit has been changed into a substantial surplus.

### Extension of the Service.

The wiping out of the deficit has been accomplished without curtailment of postal facilities. On the contrary, important extensions have been made in every branch of the service. Since the opening of the present administration there have been established 3,744 new postoffices, delivery by carrier has been provided in 186 additional cities, and 2,516 new rural routes, aggregating 60,679 miles, have been authorized. Meanwhile, the force of postal employees has been increased by more than 8,000. In compensating such employees the department follows a liberal policy. Last year the total amount expended for salaries was approximately \$14,000,000 greater than two years ago. The average annual salary has been increased from \$869 to \$967 for rural carriers, from \$979 to \$1,082 for postoffice clerks, from \$1,021 to \$1,084 for city letter carriers, and from \$1,168 to \$1,183 for railway postal clerks. Thus a marked extension of the postal service and higher compensation for its employees have gone hand in hand with a vanishing deficit.

Of general public interest the following excerpts are taken from the report:

### Parcel Post.

Now that the successful operation of the postal savings system is assured, it is hoped that Congress will promptly authorize the establishment of a parcel post. The benefits of this service are widely enjoyed by the people of foreign countries and should be provided in the United States. The department not only renews its recommendation of last year for legislative authority to start a parcel post on rural routes, but asks a similar authorization for the introduction of such a service in cities and towns having delivery by carrier. After the organization of a parcel post on rural routes and in the city delivery service is completed, its extension to include railway and other transportation lines can be more readily accomplished without impeding the handling of the ordinary mail. In establishing a parcel post service great care should be taken not to cause a congestion of the mails and thus embarrass the present operations of the postoffices. An attempt to absorb immediately under one sweeping order the entire parcel business of the country would be a dangerous experiment for our postal service. That the difficulties of such a plan may be avoided the department favors a more gradual introduction of a parcel post in the manner proposed. To bring the issue clearly before Congress, three items of \$50,000 each, have been inserted in the estimates of the postal service, two of these items to cover the initial expense of introducing a parcel post on rural routes and in the city delivery service, respectively, and the third item to meet the cost of an investigation looking to the final extension of the service in the railways and other transportation lines. If Congress will grant without delay the desired authority and provide the necessary appropriations, it is believed that before the end of another year a satisfactory parcel post can be organized on rural routes and in cities with a carrier service, thus paving the way for the final step in the organization of a general parcel post.

### City Delivery Service.

Important changes were also made (Continued on Fourth Page.)



GROUP OF GOVERNORS

New York, Dec. 13.—The "alfalfa special," as the train bearing the western governors is called by those riding on it, is attracting much attention on its trip through the east. The governors and their friends are thoroughly enjoying the trip and are seeing the sights of every city they visit. At Baltimore they were taken on a boat ride that showed them the city's water front and harbor. Ex-Governor Brady of Idaho first thought of this plan to bring all the governors of eleven western states east on a train filled not only with chief executives, but with nuggets, alfalfa, potatoes, pumpkins, wheat, lots and lots of grains and things. This idea occurred to ex-Governor Brady while he still was governor and was prepared to be re-elected. Lawyer James Hawley about this time was mentioned as a candidate by the Democrats. Lawyer Hawley was making so much money that he positively refused to run. He was assured that he hadn't a chance against Governor Brady. On this condition he consented to run. Lawyer Hawley was elected. Nevertheless as long as Governor Brady had framed up the trip everybody, including the now Governor Hawley, insists that ex-Governor Brady is president and chief of the excursion.

## TICKLISH JOB

If That For an Aspiring Governor to Make Appointments and Another Such Comes For Governor Kitchin in Judge Ward's Resignation—North Carolina and the Oyster Industry.

Dispatch News Bureau, Raleigh, Dec. 13, 1911.

It may be remarked en passant or otherwise that Governor Kitchin has had his official hands full in the matter of making appointments. Two years ago Judge Henry G. Connor, of the Supreme Court, was appointed judge of the United States Court for eastern North Carolina, and Governor Kitchin had to name a successor. He named Jas. S. Manning, of Durham. Later he appointed Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, and the past summer named E. L. Travis as member of the Corporation Commission to succeed Henry Clay Brown, deceased. Now Judge Ward has resigned, and the Governor must appoint his successor. If there is anything an aspiring Governor does not like to do it is to make enemies, and when a dozen or even less lawyers get in a scramble for a job enemies must be made, because all cannot get the place. Already the Governor is hearing from friends of would-be judges who want to succeed Judge Ward.

After inspecting the plants of The Evening Times and The News and Observer the party of college students from Chapel Hill left the city early today for the University. They were in charge of Dr. Jas. F. Royster.

Raleigh has extended a warm invitation to the State Farmers' Union now in annual session at Wilson, to meet here next winter. Telegrams were forwarded by Mayor Johnson, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, passed through the city en route for New Bern to attend the fish and oyster convention. Speaking of the conservation of fish and oysters he said this was not a local matter, but a matter that concerned the entire State, and the convention is expected to inaugurate a campaign of education so that the situation may be presented thoroughly before the next legislature. North Carolina formerly ranked first as an oyster producing State, but now ranks eleventh. Virginia's output last year was valued at \$3,500,000 and Louisiana's at \$1,500,000, whereas North Carolina's output was valued at only \$26,000. There are no natural reasons why this State should not take first place.

## TAFT OR NO ONE

Harry S. New Declares That If Taft Can't Win For the Republicans No Other Man Can—He Answers Statement Made by Lee, of Indiana.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Colonel Harry S. New, of Indiana, the newly elected chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the Republican National Convention, gave out a statement today answering that made by Chairman Lee, of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, in which Lee declared Taft could not carry Indiana in the election next year. New charges that Lee issued the statement as part of a pre-arranged plan and says he knows the influences that were back of it. "If Taft cannot carry Indiana, no other Republican can," said New. "I am still firm in the conviction that Taft is the logical candidate of the Republican party to succeed himself as President. I am just as firmly of the opinion that the Republicans of Indiana believe in him and are for him without qualification and that the state delegation to the National convention will give him its full support. If the Republican party cannot win with Taft, it certainly cannot win with anyone else."

## "If I'd Known It"

That's what she said when she realized that she had grabbed in the dark doing her Christmas shopping. Don't follow her example. It cost her money, and she saved nothing. It will cost you nothing and you will save money.

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## WEST INDIAN STORM NOT OF MUCH FORCE

Washington, Dec. 13.—The West Indian disturbance, which the weather bureau has been watching for several days, appeared this morning to be of only slight intensity and evidently was central at a point South of Western Cuba. No further information could be obtained by experts.

## FIGURES IN DIVORCE CASE

### Discoverer of Radium Mixed-Up in Scandal

Mme Curie's Name Mentioned in a Sensational Divorce Suit in Paris—Wife of Prof. Langevin Brings Charges and is Prepared to Wage Bitter Warfare.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The name of Mme Curie, discoverer of radium, and one of the most eminent chemistry professors at the College of France, was cited in a petition filed in the divorce court by the wife of Professor Langevin, professor at the College of France.

Mme. Langevin asks for a separation and custody of her children. She claims separate maintenance on the ground of her husband's alleged misconduct. If the separation is granted, Mme. Langevin's attorney has announced she will withdraw her complaint brought in the criminal court against Professor Langevin and Mme. Curie.

Letters cited by Mme. Langevin's lawyer include all of those which Mme. Langevin removed from her husband's second apartment, where it is said he constantly met Mme. Curie. It is hinted that they show that relations of great intimacy existed. It is said they disclose attempts made by Mme. Curie to separate Professor Langevin from his wife.

## DEMOCRATS SWEEP NEW STATE OF ARIZONA

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 13.—Arizona's first State election resulted in a sweeping Democratic victory for Senators and Representatives in Congress, and State officers. Figures are unavailable and counting the votes is slow. Definite returns will be available tonight.

### BACK TO THE ATTACK.

Lillian Graham Still Being Grilled in Stokes Case.

New York, Dec. 13.—District Attorney Buckner, who is trying to prove Lillian Graham and her husband, Ethel Conrad, planned to murder W. E. D. Stokes, when they shot him in their apartment last June, this morning returned to the task of discrediting the show girl's testimony. The prosecution continued probing into her past. The defense feels encouraged over the manner in which Miss Conrad met the prosecutor's attack yesterday. Stokes, who underwent an operation yesterday, is in a serious condition.

## MOTHER ACCUSED OF SLAYING HER CHILD

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 13.—Accused of murdering her four-year-old daughter, Mrs. Alice Vance has been arrested here. Her brother was jailed as an accessory. The mother claims she went to a spring yesterday and returning she found the child lying on the floor, her throat cut. Bloodhounds put on the trail at the side of the slain child, loped to the spring, and then back to the house.

"The Story of the Typewriter" Film of Instruction, Grand Theatre Today. It

### Bowling Games.

Much interest was taken in the bowling games at the Boys' Brigade armory last night. The contesting teams were Loughlin against Register and Elmer against Branch. In the contests Register scored 1238, Loughlin, 1201, Elmer, 1147, and Branch 1263. In the first contest the highest score was made by Harry Dixon, 292, and he made high average of 148. In the second game the highest score was made by Simon Branch, 302, and his high average was 151. Elmer and Branch's teams have won one and lost one game, Loughlin has lost two games and Register has won two games.

Christmas Trees, Christmas Trees, Christmas Trees—A fine lot will be here on next week's steamer, Monday, Dec. 18th. Kindly send or phone your orders. C. B. Bellois, Produce Dealer, 16 North 2nd St. Phone 1576. de 11 6t

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## MORE MAY BE FOUND ALIVE

### Fading Hope Was Revived This Afternoon

Rescue Parties, Hard at Work at Briceville This Morning, Had Practically Abandoned Hope, But This Afternoon Believed More Miners Will be Rescued Alive in a Few Hours—Drs. Holmes and Rutledge Lead Rescue Party.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Rescue squads continued their work this morning in the Cross Mountain mine of the Knoxville Iron Co., but practically all hope had been abandoned of rescuing alive any more of the entombed men. However, this afternoon it is believed that Sam Miller and a party of miners are alive in laterals 20 or 21. A rescue party, headed by Dr. J. A. Holmes and Dr. J. J. Rutledge, is now working between laterals 19 and 22. It is thought they may bring out more living miners within the next few hours.

## SERIOUS CHARGE

Frank Smith, a Negro, Was Called in the Recorder's Court Today, But Case Was Continued—Burglary Warrant May be Issued Against Him—Other Matters Were Tried This Morning in the County Court.

Today's session of the Recorder's court was presided over by Substitute Recorder George Harris. Several cases were called for trial. Probably the most important charge was that of house-breaking against Frank Smith. This party is a negro and he was arrested last night by the police department. When the case was called Assistant City Attorney George L. Peschau asked that the matter be postponed until Friday on account of the fact that he evidence may be sufficient to sustain the capital charge of burglary, and also to give the accused an opportunity to secure counsel. The postponement was made.

The chief witness against Smith is Lula Alderman. She states that she found the man in her house last night about 11 o'clock and that he threatened to kill her. She said that he refused to leave the place until he was told that the police would be summoned. The warrant was later issued for Smith and he was arrested by the police department.

Richard Backus, a negro, who was arrested night before last was called under the charge of robbery. The case against the man was dismissed as it proved to be one of mistaken identity. Backus was represented by William J. Bellamy, Esq. The attorney was incensed at the imprisonment of his client for about 48 hours, according to his statement, merely under suspicion. Backus was released from custody this morning when it was found that he is not the party wanted under the warrant. He was arrested under the idea that he was the party wanted for stealing \$11.65 from John Graham.

The case against Sam Gause, a negro, charged with the larceny of 75 cents, was continued.

Calvin Bessellieu, a young white man, charged with being drunk and with vagrancy, was called. He failed to answer to his name and a capias was issued.

Lee Evans, charged with violating the driving ordinance, was fined \$10 and costs, the same to be suspended for six months on the condition that he is not brought before the court again.

The case against H. Mack Godwin, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, upon a traveling man, was called. His attorney, W. P. Gafford, Esq., presented a certificate signed by Dr. F. H. Russell which stated that the defendant was suffering from stomach trouble and could not appear. However, Attorney Peschau stated that the chief witness was anxious to leave the city and therefore it was desired that the case be tried at 4 p. m. Mr. Peschau remarked that some cases of stomach trouble are not troublesome for long and that there was a chance for the defendant to appear this afternoon, although he would not urge it if the defendant continued unwell. Substitute Recorder Harris set the case for 4 p. m., but will hear it tomorrow if Mr. Godwin cannot appear this afternoon.

"Hold Me Just a Little Closer" Charming Song Success Sung Today, by Harry Morgan, Grand Theatre. It