

RAILROAD MEN ARE INDICTED

Charged With Violating Sherman Anti-Trust Law

Federal Grand Jury Today Returned Indictment Against Officers of Both American and Canadian Lines. Charged That They Conspired to Restrain Trade.

New York, Dec. 23.—Charles S. Melien, President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad; E. J. W. Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk railroad of Canada; and Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of Grand Trunk Board of Directors, were indicted by Federal Grand Jury today charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust law in alleged monopoly agreement between the roads. The indictment avers that Melien, Chamberlain, and Smithers were engaged on August 3, 1912, and have since engaged, in unlawful combination to prevent construction and completion of certain extensions of Grand Trunk Ry. into New England. It is charged that they conspired to prevent the operation of steamships between Providence and New York.

SAW THEIR COMRADES DIE

Three Escaped From the Ill-Fated Steamer

Almost Exhausted Mate and Two of Crew of the Wrecked Florence Reached Port—Saw Steamer Sink With Sailors Lashed to the Masts. Search to be Made for Bodies.

John's, N. F., Dec. 23.—Search today for the bodies of Captain Barrow and twenty-one members of the crew of the steamer Florence, wrecked Friday on the rocks near St. Shotts. News of the wreck reached here last night when Made Hedley and two members of the crew arrived at Trespassy almost exhausted. They found refuge on cliffs after the ship sank with sailors lashed to the rigging. The Florence was bound from Halifax to St. Johns with a general cargo.

GOV. WILSON SITS WITH PARDON BOARD

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Gov. Wilson sat with the board of pardons today and heard applications of seventy convicts for pardons in order that those entitled to their freedom might have liberty before Christmas. Gov. Wilson directed that the board's meeting be held today, instead of in January. "It is unpleasant duty," Gov. Wilson remarked, "as it pulls at the heart strings." Over two hundred convicts applied for pardons, but the cases of only seventy were recommended for hearing.

CLARK WILL SEE WILSON TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 23.—Speaker Clark tomorrow goes to Trenton to confer with President-elect Wilson. Clark would not discuss the object of his visit. It was intimated it would not have any connection with the personnel of the President's Cabinet. "However," the Speaker interjected, "I do not think we will spend much time discussing the condition of the weather." It is believed the program for the extra session will be discussed.

LYNCHED HIM IN FACE OF CONVICTION

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 23.—When Sheriff Parker went to the court house at West Baton Rouge today he found the body of Norman Cadore, a negro, swinging from a telephone pole, a short distance from the jail. Cadore was convicted of the killing of James Norman, a plantation manager, three weeks ago. Cadore's attorneys had taken steps to file motion for an appeal. This it is believed caused the lynching.

WANT TO BAR THEM AS SOLDIERS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Proposal to eliminate the negro as an American soldier is the topic slated for consideration when the conference of ranking Army officers is held here January 8. Some officers, favoring the plan, are prepared to urge it on the ground that in the Philippines the natives resent the appearance among them of black troops and there are signs of dissatisfaction in Hawaii, owing to the fact that the 25th Infantry, composed of negroes, was ordered to the island to form a permanent garrison.

STAUNTON'S NEW MAYOR DIED TODAY

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 23.—John W. Woods, recently elected Mayor of this city, died today. He had been seriously ill for two weeks. He was elected on a good government ticket.

MEXICAN REBELS GROW BOLDER

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MUST SERVE AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—J. Frank Hickey, convicted of murder in the second degree, for killing Joseph Josephs, the 7-year old Lackawana boy, was sentenced today to Auburn prison, for an indeterminate sentence, the minimum of which is twenty years.

THIRTEEN DIE IN THEATRE PANIC

Menin, Belgium, Dec. 23.—Thirteen are dead and fifty injured as the result of a fire which burned down a moving picture theatre at Barraques last night. None of the audience was burned to death. An examination of bodies showed death in every case was due to internal hemorrhage caused by pressure in attempting to escape. The panic in the auditorium was frightful. Over seven hundred people were in the theatre at the time.

BIG REALTY DEAL.

Messrs. George Honnet, Jr., and Adair McCoy purchased today a tract of 257 acres three miles south of the city, between the Federal Point road and the river. The land adjoins the tract owned by Mr. Ahrens. The deal was made through the Foster agency, and the tract bought from Mr. Nathan Schloss. The consideration was not given out, though this is understood to be a considerable amount. The purchasers have made no definite plans for the property as yet.

Young Ryan Near Death.

New York, Dec. 23.—Allan A. Ryan, a son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, is critically ill, physicians expressing only slight hope of his recovery. He recently underwent an abdominal operation.

Save your money, buy at the Little Cash Shoe Store, 121 Market street. Advertisement. fri mon

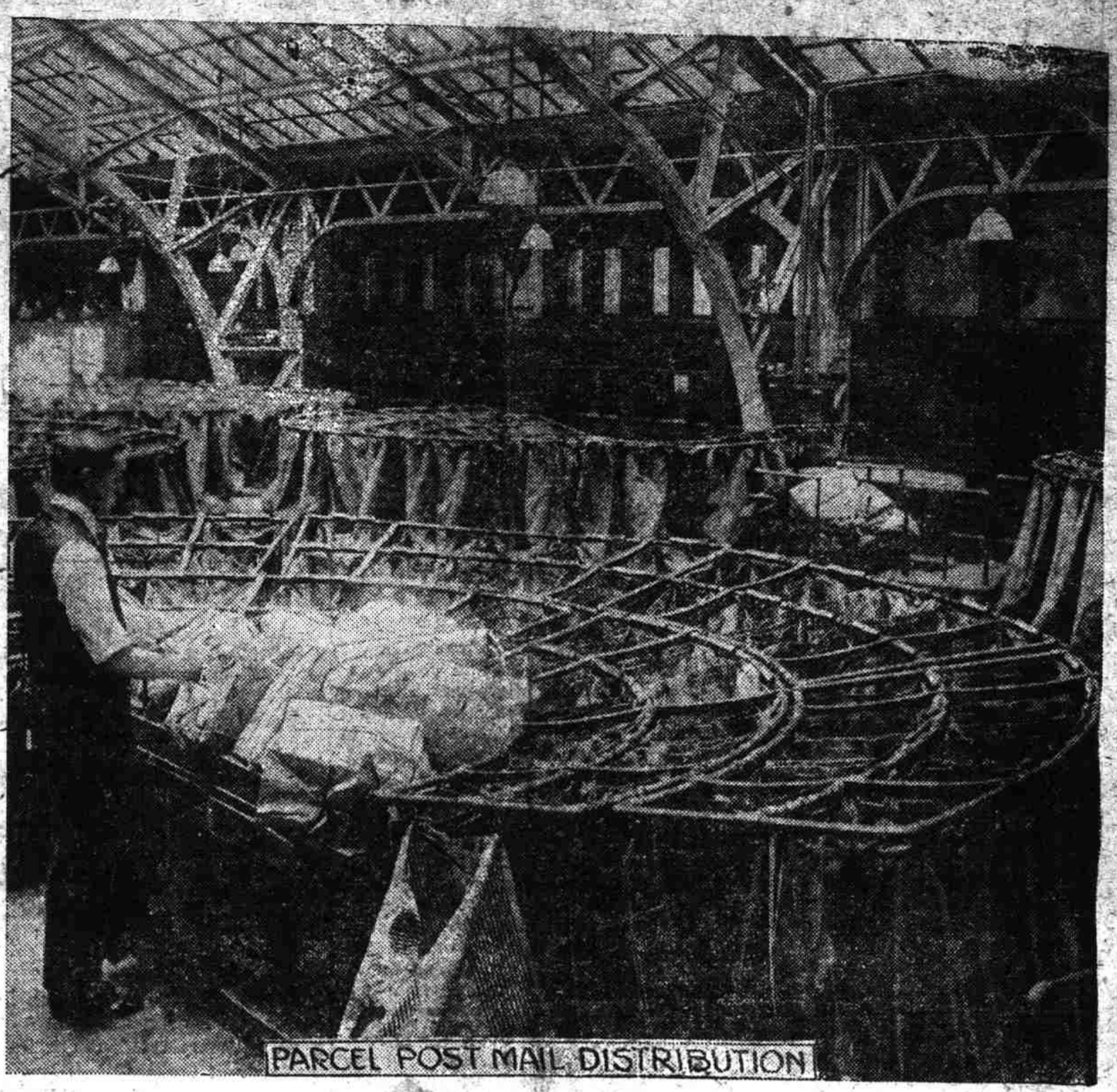
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WASHINGTON, DEC. 23.—Postmaster General Hitchcock says his department will be ready to inaugurate the parcel post system Jan. 1, and he expects the system to work without a hitch. Thousands of sets of scales of a new design have been ordered and will be distributed to the principal offices. These scales are so arranged that they will show at a glance what the postage is on any parcel of from one to eleven pounds for any of the eight zones. Much of the mail that will be included in the reduced rates will be handled exactly as merchandise has heretofore been handled, but it is expected that certain other articles, notably eggs, will require a different method. Eggs are not to be accepted except when packed in cases that have been approved by the department, but it is not expected that these cases will be such that they can be tossed around as carelessly as ordinary merchandise is handled.

MAKES ORDER

Corporation Commission Files Decision in Telephone Case From Hendersonville—Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dispatch News Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23, 1912. The Corporation Commission has made its order in the case of the people of Hendersonville against the Asheville Telephone Company, which proposed to increase its rates after improving the service. The company proposed to charge \$3.50 for unlimited special line service, but is ordered to charge \$3; for unlimited duplex business line service it may charge \$2.50 instead of \$3; for unlimited special line residence service \$2 and for unlimited party line service, with not more than four phones to a line, \$1.25. This is a slight decrease in the charges that the company proposed.

BUILDING UP NAVY

Portugal Has Turned Its Attention in This Direction—Country's National Debt Shoots Up.

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 23.—Portugal has now turned its attention to building up its navy, and some of the money so expended is pretty sure to go to America. American and British shipbuilders have been asked to submit bids for a number of small vessels, the building of which is to be followed by the construction of some larger ships, the plans for which are now being prepared. The first vessels to be built are two cruisers of 2,500 tons each; four destroyers of from 800 to 900 tons, and two or four submarines.

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WILL COST CHICAGO TWENTY MILLION.

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Died This Morning at Memphis, Tennessee. Friends in the city will deeply regret to learn of the death of Mr. Robert Hewlett, who died this morning at Memphis, Tenn. The deceased had been in bad health for some time past but recent messages had brought better reports of his condition. Therefore the news of his demise came as a sorrowful surprise to those who knew him. Mr. Hewlett was a well known vaudeville performer. The deceased is survived by his mother, who resides in this city, his wife, and a brother, Mr. J. H. Hewlett. It is expected that the body will be brought here for interment.

SENATOR OVERMAN'S CONDITION.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The condition of Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, operated on Saturday for appendicitis, was today reported very good, by his physicians. He spent a comfortable night. Physicians expect a prompt recovery.

CASTRO ON HIS WAY TO U. S.

Uncle Sam May Not Allow Him to Land

Reported That Deposed Ruler of Venezuela Bound For This Country On a French Liner—United States May Bar Him on the Ground of Being an Undesirable Citizen.

New York, Dec. 23.—Dispatches announcing that Cipriano Castro, deposed President of Venezuela, under the alias of Ruiz, is a passenger aboard the Touraine, a French liner, bound for New York, has caused a stir in Venezuelan colony. Castro's coming, it is believed, has connection with his efforts to regain power in the country that cast him out of office four years ago. Many of Castro's followers here believe any effort of re-establishing himself in Venezuela will prove difficult, although some declare that the movement to restore Castro to power has gained strength in the last year.

TRIED TO KILL THE VICEROY

Bomb Hurled at Sir Charles Hardinge

Viceroy of India Wounded Today and an Attendant Killed—Outrage Took Place During a Procession and Bomb Thrown From a House—Number of Arrests Made.

Delhi, India, Dec. 23.—Sir Charles Hardinge, Viceroy of India, was wounded and an attendant of his was killed by a bomb hurled at the Viceroy from a house, as he was entering the new hospital in state today. The bomb struck the basket of the Viceroy's elephant, hitting the attendant instantly. The extent of the Viceroy's wounds are unknown. He was hurriedly removed to a hospital. The bomb thrower's attempt to kill the Viceroy was almost successful. The Viceroy was making his entry in state into Delhi, as the last of the ceremonies in connection with a transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The transfer was made in October, but the Viceroy did not take possession of his quarters until today. A large gathering of troops, officials and Punjab chiefs were present to welcome the party. The splendid elephant procession had just left the railway station when the bomb was thrown.

SNOW HITS TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, Dec. 23.—Snow fell steadily throughout northeast Oklahoma today. From four to seven inches was reported from the Pan Handle region of Texas.

MRS. MERCER DEAD

Mrs. Anna Jane Mercer, relict of the late John Mercer, died today at 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. W. D. McCaig, No. 1711 Princess street. Mrs. Mercer was 90 years of age on her last birthday. Her demise resulted from the general infirmities of extreme old age. She was born May 15, 1822, and had spent most of her life in Wilmington and this vicinity. Mrs. Mercer was a member of Grace Methodist Church, and for many years was actively interested in the work of that organization.

COUNTRY-WIDE SEARCH FOR THE MURDERERS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—A country-wide search for two men believed to be the slayers of Joseph Logue, the diamond merchant, began today. The police are convinced that eleven suspects now under arrest are guilty of the murder.

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