

WHOLESALE FRAUD SCHEMES DEFEATED Perpetrators of \$77,000,000 Swindles Prosecuted by Postal Officials.

PRISON SENTENCES DETER Year's Work Shows That Many Manipulators Move in High Social and Business Circles, but Work Behind Scenes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Promoters of fraudulent schemes who had obtained \$77,000,000 from the public were put out of business during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, according to the annual report of Robert H. Sharp, chief inspector of the Postoffice Department.

During the fiscal year 529 individuals were indicted on the charge of using the mails in furtherance of schemes to defraud. Of this number 184 persons were tried and 154 convicted. The schemes investigated were of endless variety, varying in the report, indicating, from the simplest business transaction to a gigantic project involving the sale of worthless stock in fake mining companies and imaginary and fictitious institutions existing only on paper.

Conviction Real Deterrent. In discussing the multiplicity of schemes to defraud the public, Chief Inspector Sharp says: "The determination to bring the promoters into court and obtain prison sentences against them has proved exceedingly successful. In no instance, so far as known to this office, has a person convicted of a criminal charge of this character attempted to reorganize his scheme under a new name, as was often the case when the fraud orders alone were resorted to.

Swindlers Are Astonishing. In view of the heavy cost to the Postoffice Department in prosecuting the cases, Mr. Sharp recommends this work be taken over by the Department of Justice. He adds that the work of the past year has uncovered a condition among the swindling class which shows the astounding extent of their operations and the extent of their ill-gotten gains. "The policy of the department," Mr. Sharp points out, has been to crush out the strong and powerful swindlers who have grown rich at the game. This plan has served to eliminate the smaller operators.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Approximately six persons in every 100,000 in the United States were murdered in 1910. This statement is made by Dr. C. E. Wilburn, statistician of vital statistics of the Census Bureau. He attributes to homicidal causes 3019 of the 45,046 deaths from violence that year.

EX-PRESIDENT IS SILENT Colonel Says He Will Not Discuss Politics on Sunday.

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George V. Hill as Captain Wynnegate, "the squaw man," is equal to all the requirements of the role. He succeeds in portraying many fine traits of the man without bringing out some rather overdrawn characteristics. Mr. Hill's voice, personality and methods enable him to dominate the scenes as the playwright intended.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EYES PACIFIC LINES. Special Agent Investigates Conditions in San Francisco After Similar Stay in Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—That the Department of Justice contemplates the prosecution of certain trans-Pacific steamship companies for having given passage to favored shippers was stated by A. R. Dickinson, special agent of the Department who made his presence known here today after having been in San Francisco on a study of shipping conditions on the waterfront. Dickinson came here from Seattle, Wash., where he said, he had looked into the reports that American firms shipping goods to the Orient over the Northern Pacific Railroad, owned by J. J. Hill, and the Hill steamship line, had received rebates from the steamship company.

The Department of Justice holds that it is enabled to proceed against the steamship companies under the interstate commerce laws, as the railroads' clientele is the recipient of the rebates. It is a known fact," said Dickinson today, "that the Atlantic steamship companies are in a combination whereby the European shippers of goods and merchandise get a rebate of 4 per cent on the freight rate. This practice has been one of the great factors in keeping American goods out of South America.

WILDE CASE TO RESUME Judge Kavanaugh Better, Jury Selection to Continue Today.

With Judge Kavanaugh sufficiently recovered from the illness which kept him at his home Saturday and delayed the work of selecting a jury in the case of Louis J. Wilde, jointly indicted with W. Cooper Morris for the large embezzlement of \$50,000 of the funds of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, the case will be resumed in the Circuit Court this morning.

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MAULED PARSON PREACHES Muskogee Pastor's Eyes Blacked, Lips Cut in Fight Over Church.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 21.—With both eyes blacked and swollen, his face and lips cut, his clothing torn and disheveled and with a policeman on guard at the pulpit, Rev. D. Noland Smith preached the dedicatory sermon in the First Methodist Episcopal Church here today. A two-weeks' legal battle for the possession of the new edifice culminated this morning in an assault on the preacher as he was going to church. The assault was C. F. McKee, a contractor, who had been locked in jail for the hours to compel him to turn over the keys to the building to the church officials.

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