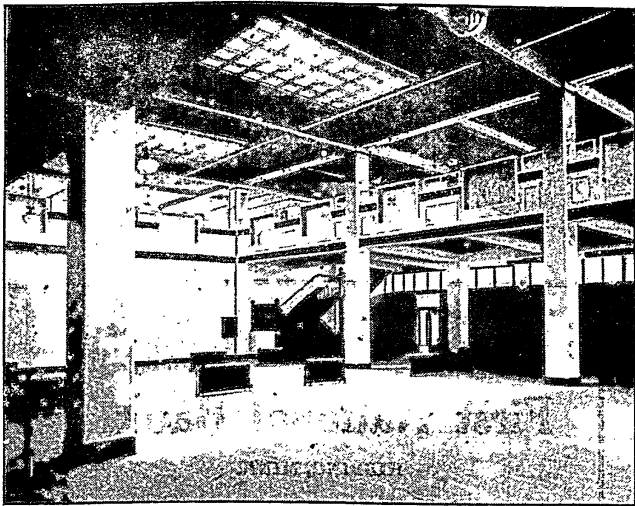


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skill in the use of firearms on the battle fields of France, and they are eager to have a chance to meet the mail robbers half way. A number of these men are being used to instruct other employees of less experience in the handling of weapons, and it is expected that a regular course of instruction, such as is provided by many cities for their policemen will be worked out.

The postmaster general has the utmost confidence in the inspectors' corps of the postoffice department, the regular organization for the apprehension of those guilty of crimes against the United States mails. He believes it to be one of the most efficient bodies of its kind in the world. He is convinced, however, that the present situation is an unusual one which must be met with unusual methods.

For 18 months it has been apparent that a great crime wave is sweeping over the whole world and that the United States has been particularly subject to the epidemic. Experts appearing before congressional committees have testified that the year just passed was the greatest crime year since 1897.