

BANK TELLER SHORT

Charles E. Fitcham Under Arrest at Ballston, N. Y.

DEFICIT ESTIMATED AT \$100,000

His Pilfering Had Been Going on for Long Time.

BANK'S DOORS CLOSED

BALLSTON, N. Y., December 3.—The First National Bank of this place was closed today, pending an investigation by a national bank examiner.

Shortage of \$100,000 Discovered.

Bank Examiners Graham and Van Vranken were sent for and yesterday began a thorough examination.

The Examiner in Charge.

The First National Bank of Ballston Spa, N. Y., was closed today by vote of the board of directors upon the discovery of a defalcation by the teller, Charles E. Fitcham.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE CASE.

United States Court Decides Applicant Must Tell the Truth.

ST. LOUIS, December 3.—The validity of an insurance policy depends on the truthful answers to questions propounded by the company when applications for insurance are made.

LUKBAN OFFERS TO SURRENDER.

Insurgent Leader in Samar Wants to Open Negotiations.

MANILA, December 3.—Advices from Catabogan, capital of the Island of Samar, report that the insurgent general, Lukban, has offered to negotiate terms of surrender to General Smith.

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At the Age of Ninety-Two.

Clemens Beckett died Sunday morning at his residence, 107 O street, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Funeral of Mrs. Beach, Aged 84.

The funeral of Mrs. Emaline Beach, who died Sunday night at her residence, 3221 P street, will be held tomorrow afternoon.

TRIALS OF FILIPINOS.

Records of Courts-Martial Received at the War Department.

The incoming mail from the Philippines brings to the War Department a batch of records of court-martial trials that army officers have conducted.

An interesting case was that of Alejandro Pasinlo, a lieutenant of insurgents, who, acting under orders from his immediate superior, kidnaped eight natives from a barrio under the military protection of the United States.

Another case, a major in the insurgent army, was tried on a charge of "murdering prisoners in violation of the laws of war."

COURT CASES AT HAGERSTOWN.

Election Officers File Demurrer—Special Dispatch to the Evening Star.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., December 3.—The case of Charles B. South and Thomas A. Knock, the two democratic members of the board of election supervisors indicted by the grand jury for non-feasance of office, was taken up in court here yesterday.

ALASKANS WISH TO ORGANIZE.

Another Move on Foot to Secure Territory—PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., December 3.—Another move is on foot in Alaska to secure a regular territorial form of government.

NAVY DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO SUPPLY MAPS FREE OF CHARGE.

The Navy Department has informed the District Commissioner that it will be unable to furnish maps from the hydrographic office to the Business High School, except upon the payment of the fixed charges covering the cost of such publications.

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BERLIN'S MANUAL SCHOOLS

COURSES IN MECHANICAL TRADES AT NOMINAL FEES.

Evening and Sunday Classes for Workingmen—Graduates Become Captains of Industry.

W. E. Curtis in the Chicago Record-Herald.

WORKING OVERTIME.

Protest Filed and Response Returned by Commissioners.

The District Commissioners have received a communication from the Central Labor Union inquiring as to why John Jacoby, a sewer contractor, was given permission to work overtime on Sundays.

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The District Commissioners have been giving considerable consideration recently to the subject of a proposed change of the date of inauguration day.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

President's Message Had Reassuring Effect on Wall Street.

PRICES HARDENED ALL ALONG LINE

Toward the Close Drive at Copper Unsettled the List.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to the Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Opening prices in today's stock market were irregular, but in the main fractionally under last night's closing parity.

The message was well received in Wall Street and was regarded as lacking in radical recommendations on all the subjects in which the street has a primary interest.

The suggestion of publicity is entirely in accord with the views of the financial world and the suggestion of a more carefully watched and supervised public utility industry is an educated condition of investors.

Bankers want the facts in order that a loan value may be placed on the present distribution of securities, as a class, be relieved.

A few inside speculative cliques may be influenced, but the suggestion, if acted upon, will go a long way toward settling the popular skepticism as to the value of a class of securities in which 50 per cent of the daily business is made of trade.

Another interesting clause in the message was the testimonial to the excellent results of American railway enterprises, and the suggestion of a closer relationship between such railways may be due to a wrong conception of the situation.

At this time the reference is, very naturally, taken to include the project proposed by the Northern Securities Company, and is especially interesting in view of the action of the Senate in the present bill.

Minnesota to test the legality of the undertaking. There are excellent reasons for believing that the entire transaction will be profitable to the public, and that the need is willing to acknowledge any weakness in its position.

In numerous communication house circles the fear of a contest over the control of the popular utility of the Northern Pacific episode hinges keeps clients from entering the market at this time.

Gold shipments by Thursday's steamers are considered probable and call money rates may be bid up again, as was done yesterday toward the end of the day.

The action of Copper in being carefully watched as any considerable change in price might give direction to the whole list. It is not considered probable that the decline in that property will be permanent, and the selling being due to a desire to sell away from the effects of last week's liquidation.

In the railroad list there was much irregularity, but in the main a tendency toward concessions was noted. The selling of railroad stocks is not all short selling, but a considerable amount of liquidation by holders, who see no prospect of better prices in the immediate future.

Commission houses get selling orders in spite of the assurances that the market is substantially based upon values. There is no doubt that lower prices are expected by some of the syndicates, and they are striving to prevent them. The old mistrust of the market while gold shipments are in progress and while January and February are being arranged. Gold buying is not in evidence in the market, but it is a fact that a very large number of buying orders are underwritten by the market, and that a break from which a satisfactory rally will start.

Weakness in Copper during the last hour unsettled the entire market and rumors of a new contest over the control of the popular utility of the Northern Pacific episode hinges keeps clients from entering the market at this time.

The closing suggested new stocks in the railroads.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Stock Market.

Table with columns for various stocks and their prices, including Amalgamated Copper, American Lead, and others.

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