

### DEATH CALL ENDS BRILLIANT CAREER

#### Thomas Fitzgerald, Prominent in Railroad Circles, Dies in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—Thomas Fitzgerald, one of the most popular railroad men in the country, died at 5:35 o'clock this morning at the Church Home and Infirmary, on North Broadway.

For more than forty years he had been connected with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and rose from the ranks, from water boy to general manager. To the men in the employ of the company he was known from one end of the system to the other, and will be affectionately remembered as "T. F."

It was in this brief manner that he signed orders.

General Manager.

At the time of his death Mr. Fitzgerald was a co-receiver and general manager of the Norfolk and Southern railroad, and his headquarters were in Norfolk, where he had also established his residence after leaving the service of the Baltimore and Ohio.

His final illness began early last month, and it was announced that he was broken down from overwork and needed a rest of some weeks. His friends thought that such a course would result in his ultimate recovery, and he left Norfolk on February 21 with the intention of going to Atlantic City to recuperate.

Trip Abandoned.

Upon reaching Baltimore, however, his condition was considered so serious that the trip to the seashore was abandoned. He was taken to the Church Home and consultations were held by the leading physicians, including Dr. L. F. Barker, Dr. William S. Thayer, Dr. Julius Friedlander, and Dr. W. T. Wiley. The cause of his death was stated to be carcinoma of the stomach.

With Mr. Fitzgerald at the end were his wife, Mrs. Sallie K. Fitzgerald, his only son, Thomas Fitzgerald, Jr., assistant general manager of the Cincinnati Traction Company, his nephew, A. P. Pendergrast, assistant master mechanic at the Mount Clare shops, and Charles W. Galtway, superintendent of transportation of the Baltimore and

### FALSE ALARM OF FIRE ROUTS HOTEL GUESTS

#### In Vari-Colored and Abbreviated Raiment, They Come Crowding to Ground Floor Only to Find Flames Confined to Furnace.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The Great White Way was roused from its early morning slumbers today by a "near-fire" in the Hotel Cadillac, which produced all the spectacular results usually following in the wake of a full-fledged blaze. It happened this way: A fireman, one of the sort who lends steam heaters, noticing a little smoke rushing out of a furnace door, thoughtlessly turned a stream of water on it. In a few minutes he succeeded in generating more steam than the furnace itself had ever been known to produce.

Naturally the steam began to rise. It did this with such rapidity and in such volume that in a short while the whole hotel looked like a stretch of the lower bay in a dense fog.

The first person to awake was Manager Reid, who, putting into practical application the old adage, "Where there is smoke there must be fire," turned in an alarm. He did this with such success that in a few minutes four engines,

Ohio railroad, and a close personal friend.

Colonel Bradbury Dead.

PORTLAND, Me., March 28.—Col. Albert W. Bradbury, appointed by President Cleveland in 1894 as United States district attorney for Maine, and a distinguished officer in the civil war, is dead at Buckfield. He was born in Calais in 1840, and was graduated from Bowdoin College in the famous class of 1860.

Dies Suddenly.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28.—James McConkey, special agent for the Pennsylvania railroad in this city, died suddenly early today of heart disease. He was sixty-five years old.

Mr. McConkey was formerly superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk division of the Pennsylvania, with headquarters at Cape Charles. He was made special agent here after being transferred from Williamsport. In 1897 Mr. McConkey organized the Philadelphia division Agents' Association, becoming its president, and working for the interests of the men and the service. He was the originator of systems for compilation of statistics, and forms he devised are still in use. Mr. McConkey was affiliated with the Philadelphia Lodge of Masons.

J. A. Bennington Dies

Policeman J. A. Dunnington, one of the veteran members of the force, died this morning at his home, 622 North Carolina avenue southeast, aged seventy-six years. He had been ill with pneumonia about a week.

Dunnington was appointed on the police force January 31, 1887, and September 22, 1878, was made a sergeant. He was reduced to the ranks in 1889.

After many years of active duty on the street he was given the post at the Corcoran Art Gallery when the new building was completed. About three years ago he was transferred to the Harbor precinct. In point of service he was one of the oldest men in the department. He was a member of the Police Relief Association.

two hook and ladder trucks, two battalion chiefs, one deputy battalion chief, an insurance patrol, and an electric supply truck with a potent automatic squeezer came tearing from all directions to the corner of Broadway and Forty-third street.

These sleepers along the route who slumbered through the noise of the rumbling engines were routed out by the screaming "The hotel! The hotel!" like a Japanese exhibit. The whole ground floor was filled with men and girls in pajamas and other fancy dress costumes and the conversation turned chiefly on the loss of thousands of dollars in jewels which everyone had been in too great a hurry to carry off. When the real firemen arrived they went through the house and routed out every one who had had the good fortune to keep on sleeping.

Meanwhile the hotel fireman had turned off the hose and the steam had subsided. The firefighters then said a few kind words to Manager Reid, in which they were joined by the guests, after which the latter went back to their beds.

One by one the workmen and employees were accounted for and then the search for the cause of the disaster was begun. George W. Harvey, contractor, erecting the opera house, arrived early on the scene, and after a careful examination of the wrecked portion of the building, said that it was undeniably the work of some person harboring enmity against him or the opera house.

The dynamite was so placed as to wreck the most expensive and beautiful part of the building and to make repairs, the entire end of the structure will have to be torn down and rebuilt.

DR. MILLER LEAVES ANNAPOLIS PULPIT

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28.—Dr. George W. Miller, a Union veteran and for six years pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, preached his farewell sermon today. After a rest he may resume preaching. Dr. Miller's sermon was an expression of his confidence in the ultimate conquest by Christianity of the forces of wrong.

### POLICE FIND BOMB IN THEATER RUINS

#### Suspect Former Employes of Dynamiting New Opera House in Boston.

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headquarters more than half a mile away, ambulances were sent out, but were found to be unnecessary, the only injuries being to the workmen, who were bruised by the flying fragments of stone and timber.

It was at first believed that the steam roller had burst, but one of the engineers soon reported that the explosion had occurred at the other end of the building.

Owing to the fact that no dynamite was stored in any part of the building or near it, the foreman was convinced that the explosion was the result of a deliberate attempt to wreck the opera house and ordered everybody to keep out for fear another might follow.

In the darkness and fog it was impossible to see exactly what damage was done, and when the police finally entered the building they were hampered by lack of light, having only lanterns.

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### WASHINGTON POLICE FIND NEGRO MURDERER

#### Detectives Arrest Julius Robertson, Who Is Wanted For Kitting Wealthy Cotton Planter at Dallas, Texas, During the Fair.

Julius Robertson, a negro from Dallas, Tex., was arrested here early this morning, and is held on a charge of complicity in the murder of Frank Wolford, a wealthy Texas cotton planter, on the streets of Dallas on the night of November 11, 1908. A reward of \$300 offered by the Dallas authorities will be claimed by Detective Frank Baur, of Washington, who arrested the man on a description furnished from Dallas.

In the presence of Detectives Baur and Burlingame this morning Robertson admitted his identity, and told how he and two other negroes had killed the cotton planter on November 11 last.

"The trouble occurred on a Wednesday night just after the Dallas fair about 10:30 p. m.," said Robertson. "We three, Jene, Shine and a boy called 'Shine,' were walking down Main street and Shine approached a white man, who was accompanied by his two sons, and asked him if he did not want cotton pickers. The man cut him off short saying he was not looking for cotton pickers. The man and his sons then started down the street. We three, Jene, Shine, and myself, walked down behind them."

"Jene ran around in front of the man, Shine and I following in the rear. Jene threw a gun down on the man and told him to hold up his hands. The man drew a knife and Shine ran up and caught hold of him. The man struck at Shine with the knife. Jene told the man to drop the knife and then fired one shot."

Robertson says that he was standing on the sidewalk with the two sons when the shot was fired. He and the other negroes all ran in different directions, and met about a half hour later at a railroad crossing. The other two are now located in Dallas. A reward of \$300 had been offered for Robertson's arrest. Detectives Baur and Cromwell learned several days ago that a negro answering Robertson's description, was working on a farm in Maryland just beyond the District line. Yesterday they obtained information which led them to believe that the negro had come to Washington. All last evening they searched the business section of the city in the hope of seeing him on the street, and their efforts were finally rewarded when he appeared at Ninth street and the Avenue just after midnight.

Robertson talks freely of the case and, while he denies that he fired the shot that killed Wolford, he says he knows they will hang him when he goes back to Dallas. He says that he is an convict, having served two years for killing a negro named Clay Perry, in Texas, in May, 1907. He also tells how he has managed to escape the police dragnet, into which he has almost fallen several times since he fled from Dallas.

About three months ago he went to Cleveland, where he stopped at the home of an uncle. The Cleveland police learned that he was in the city, and, going to the house where he was stopping, instituted what they believed was a thorough search. Robertson was in a bed in a room upstairs when the detectives rang the doorbell. Instead of trying to get out of the house by a rear entrance, he crawled down between the bed and the side wall, threw a blanket over himself, and managed to keep himself in that position while the police searched the house. When they came into the room where he was hiding the detectives pulled the covers back from the bed, looked under the bed, but failed to see him. He left Cleveland the next day.

DALLAS, Texas, March 28.—Chief of Police Brandenburg received a dispatch from Major Sylvester, of Washington, this morning, stating that Julius Robertson, a negro, wanted in this city for complicity in the murder of Frank Wolford, had been arrested. The two other negroes who were with Robertson when Wolford was killed, were captured shortly afterward, and are now in jail awaiting trial. An officer from this jurisdiction will leave for Washington as soon as the necessary papers can be made out. The \$300 reward, which was offered for Robertson's arrest, will be paid to the Washington police.

HEAR HEWITT LECTURE.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, March 28.—Addressing the Sioux City Academy of Science and Letters last night, Prof. Edgar L. Hewitt, of Washington, aroused such interest that an archeological society was organized to investigate Indian mounds in this locality.

### CLIP WHISKERS OF NEW TEACHER

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 28.—Prof. L. A. Whitson, a new member of the faculty of Fort Worth College, declined to shave off his long side whiskers when requested to do so by two hundred students.

While walking home from prayer meeting he was approached by twenty young men, supposedly students, who threw him on the ground and clipped his whiskers. Several expulsions are expected.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—I will not be responsible for debts contracted by my wife, Mrs. Tillie J. Walsh, on and after date she left home on Feb. 15, 1909. HARRY H. WALSH.

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