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ARREST FORMER OFFICIAL; CHARGE $173,000 THEFT

Federal Marshals Take George Fitzgerald Into Custody on Indictment in Chicago

EMPLOY RUSE FOR CAPTURE

Authorities Discover That Suspected Clerk Suddenly Conducts Gigantic Operations

[Associated Press]

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—George W. Fitzgerald, a former assorting teller in the Chicago subtreasury, was arrested today by federal marshals, charged with the mysterious theft of $173,000 from the subtreasury February 19, 1907.

Fitzgerald was arrested on a bench warrant on an indictment returned secretly by a federal grand jury February 17, 1910. Three days after the indictment was returned and suppressed, on February 20 it was announced the statute of limitations had operated to stop possible criminal action in the peculiar case.

Coincident with this ruse by the authorities secret service men were detailed to watch Fitzgerald constantly and make a rigid investgation of the former teller's financial interests and affairs. Discoveries made by these secret service men resulted in the order for Fitzgerald's arrest.

HANDCUFFED AND IMPRISONED

Marshal Eberstein, chief of special agents of the department of justice, and Walter Wainwright and J. T. Buckner arrested Fitzgerald at his insurance brokerage office on La Salle street, just as the former subtreasury teller was leaving for his home. Fitzgerald was first taken to United States Marshal Hoy's office in the federal building, where he was searched, handcuffed and placed in a cell. Fitzgerald objected to being searched and for a few moments was handled somewhat roughly by the deputy marshals.

After an hour's imprisonment Fitzgerald was taken before Judge Kenesaw M. Landis. He was formally arraigned and his bail fixed at $50,000. He was taken to the county jail, unable to give bail.

The indictment against Fitzgerald, read in court, specifies four counts. Three charge embezzlement and the fourth larceny. Under these cases a maximum of three years in the federal prison, or a fine equal to the money embezzled may be imposed under the federal statutes.

Attaches of the district attorney's office declare that since the strange disappearance of the $173,000 from the subtreasury, Fitzgerald had done the following things:

ACCUSED MAN'S PROSPERITY

Organized the Illinois Car Manufacturing company with a $50,000 plant at Hammond, Ind.

Organized the Illinois Bolt, Nut and Forging company with a large plant in Chicago.

Dealt extensively in stocks and bonds.

Moved from a modest flat to a $10,000 residence in Rogers Park suburb.

Paid for this new home and furnished it expensively and lived in expensive style, entertaining friends lavishly.

After the returning of the suppressed indictment February 17 it was locked up in a vault in the office of the United States district court clerk to await such time as the federal lawyers felt they had sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Fitzgerald. The fact that secret service men searched Fitzgerald's offices and residence immediately following his arrest leads to the belief that he did something today which hastened his arrest.

The subtreasury robbery occurred February 15, 1907. The money was all in $1000 and $10,000 bills and for three years persons throughout the country found to have $1000 and $10,000 bills were subject to open or covert scrutiny by secret service agents.

The $173,000 disappeared from Fitzgerald's cage. Fitzgerald said he had gone out to lunch and that when he returned the money was gone. He was closely questioned at the time, and was shadowed for months. A year after the robbery occurred Fitzgerald was arrested by a private detective agency acting for William Boldenweck, the subtreasurer. The charge was not pressed, however, and Fitzgerald proceeded to institute damage suits against Boldenweck and the detective agency for alleged false arrest.

From that time until his indictment last February Fitzgerald was not molested. When asked how he accumulated certain sums of money, he explained thta he had made the money in speculation, and showed records of certain deals in which he engaged.

Mr. Blodenweck, who was succeeded by Len Small as assistant treasurer, sent his resignation to President Taft September 8. None of the government officials would say whether today's action was in any way affected by Mr. Boldenweck's retirement.

The robbery of the Chicago subtreasury stands as one of the largest thefts in the history of the treasury department. The archives of the department record a mysterious embezzlement of $100,000 from the New Orleans subtreasury during the Civil War. The vaults in the department at Washington were rifled of $72,000 in 1872 by a trusted employe, who was caught and convicted. A few years later the receiving vaults of the same institution were robbed of a package of bills by a clerk. He also was tried and convicted. In October, 1907, the subtreasury in St. Louis was robbed of $61,500.

STOCKTONIANS TO VOTE ON CHARTER AMENDMENT

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 14.—An election is to be held here on a proposal to adopt the commission form of government, the recall and the initiative and referendum by amendment of the city charter.

A petition for the election has been filed with the city council by a committee of the chamber of commerce. It is signed by 738 voters—a sufficient number to make it mandatory upon the council.

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Dr. and Mrs. William Barnhart of 615 Euclid avenue were held up by a masked man near the corner of Chicago and Michigan streets, Boyle Heights, at 1 o'clock this morning, who forced Dr. Barnhart at pistol's point to stand with upraised hands while he led Mrs. Barnhart a short distance away and abused and robbed her. The thief secured a diamond ring, a wedding ring, a watch and money from the woman.

The marauder disappeared after the robbery. Twenty-five policemen are now scouring the vicinity of the depredation.

EARTHQUAKE JARS EL CENTRO

EL CENTRO, Cal., Sept. 14.—An earthquake lasting three seconds occurred in the Imperial valley at 10:45 o'clock last night. The quake was preceded by plainly audible rumblings. No damage was done

FLYING SCOUTS ABOVE DEFENSES STARTLE FRANCE

President Fallieres and New Executive of Brazil Witness Marvelous Aerial Exploits

AIRSHIPS SPEED OVER ARMY

Accuracy of Aeroplanes Arouses Enthusiasm of Republic's Foremost Generals

[Associated Press]

GRAND VILLIERES, France, Sept. 14.—President Fallieres, accompanied by the president-elect of Brazil, Marshal Hermos Fonseca, Premier Briand and foreign military attaches, witnessed the operation of the dirigible balloons and aeroplanes in the army maneuvers today.

Three dirigibles and six aeroplanes, including those manned by the reservists, Latham and Paulhan, took prominent part in the operations.

Aeroplanes from each side reconnoitered along the front for twenty miles, making reports of the positions of the various units of the generals commanding. Thus far the aeroplanes have given better results than the dirigibles, which on Monday and Tuesday were prevented from leaving their stations by high winds.

Army officers are enthusiastic over the accuracy of the aeroplane reconnaissances. General Picquart, commanding the second corps, and General Meunier, commanding the third corps, each morning before 7 o'clock are in possession of an accurate description of the location and movements of each others' forces.

Meunier today completely outgeneraled Picquart, succeeding in turning the latter's position.

AVIATORS MAKE FANCY FLIGHTS AT HARVARD

Curtiss Wins in Five Mile Speed Contest

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Fancy aeroplaning was on the program at the Harvard aviation field today, with Ralph Johnstone and Walter Brookins as the star performers.

Johnstone's favorite act was to indulge in steed slides, shutting his engine almost completely off, then suddenly shooting down until he almost touched the ground. Then would follow a series of Dutch rolls.

Brookins performed the most daring feat of the afternoon in making his famous short turn, standing his biplane almost on edge as he made a complete circle in scarcely more than six seconds. His machine reached an angle of more than 85 degrees at times.

Glenn H. Curtiss, with a high-power machine, won in a speed record, covering five and a quarter miles in 6 minutes 19 3-5 seconds.

Grahame-White, the Englishman, was out in his Bleriot monoplane and sailed out well over the city and harbor.

The meet will close tomorrow when Curtiss will race White five and a quarter miles for a $3000 cup offered by the Harvard Aeronautical society.

YOSEMITE FALLS DRY; WATER COMES SUDDENLY

Cloudburst Supposed to Be Cause of Restored Activity

YOSEMITE, Sept. 14.—Yosemite falls, one of the sights of the valley, which has been dry for some weeks because of the lack of rain, was restored to activity this evening with a suddenness that spread alarm among the guests at the hotel.

Shortly before 7 o'clock a wall of water plunged over the top of the falls, coming without warning. The solid mass of water took the 2600-foot leap to the bottom, landing with a roar that could be heard for miles.

At 10 p. m. the falls were running with undiminished vigor and the volume of water over the edge is equal to that of any spring high water record.

While no definite news has been received it is supposed the strange phenomenon was the result of a cloudburst in the mountains.

Guests at the hotel were at dinner when the crash of the falling water came. They leaped to their feet in a panic, deafened by the noise, and made their way outside to witness the unusual spectacle.

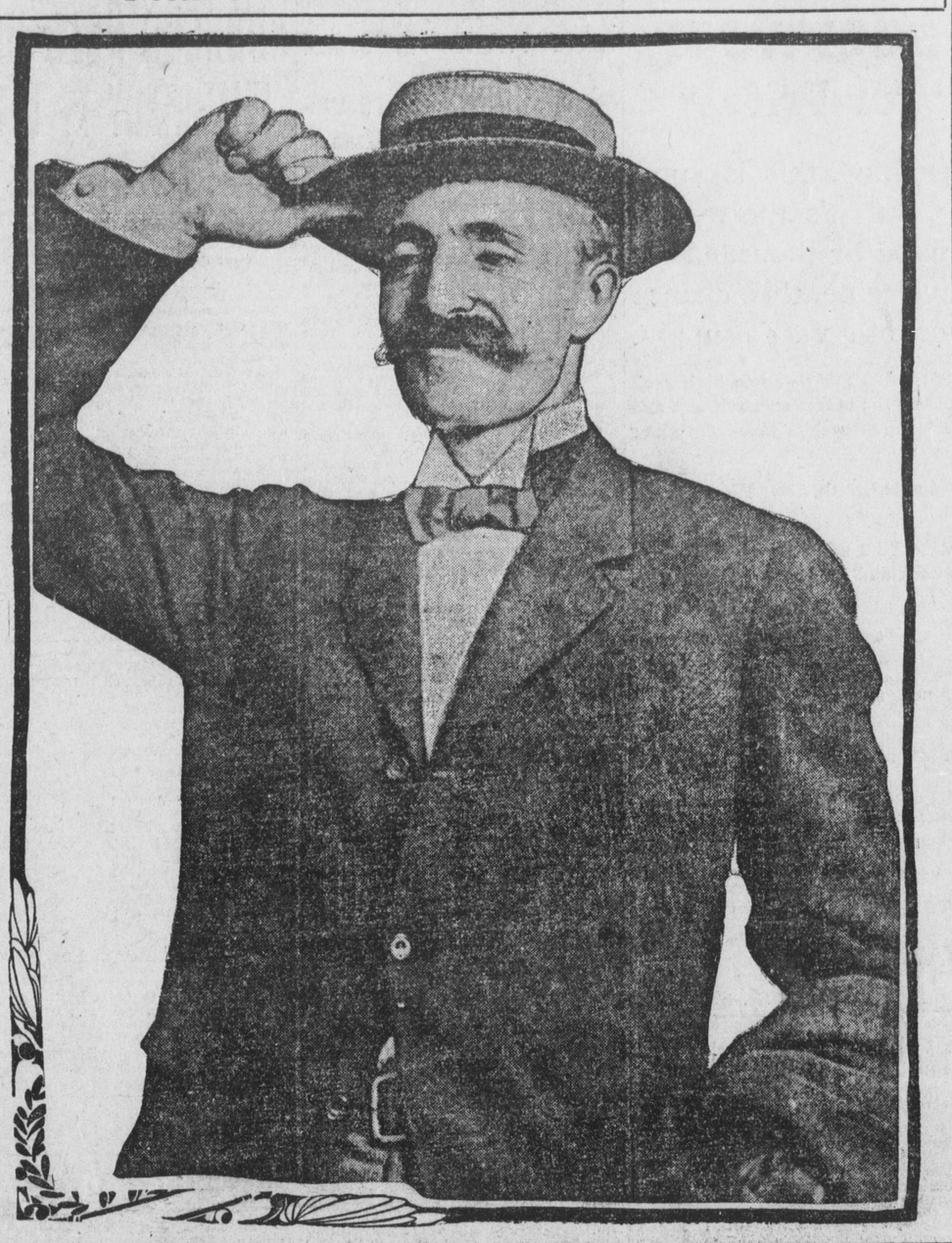
BROOKLYN GIRL ASKS FOR COWBOY HUSBAND

Writes to San Bernardino for the Name of Bronco Buster

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 14.—Seeking a nice young cowboy of the wild and wooly variety, and who wears flannel shirts and leather "chaps," and who is able to ride anything with hair on it or shoot up a town, Miss Mabel Clark of Brooklyn has written Deputy Sheriff George Hewins. She says she wants to marry him.

Miss Clark gets her idea of having a cowboy husband from the story of Willie Boy in the Wide World magazine, published a number of months ago, and describing the rampage of the Indian renegade. Deputy Sheriff George Hewins is protrayed as one of the men who led the hunt for the notorious murderer, and Miss Clark asks him to send her the address of one of his real cowboys. She says she can get plenty of fellows in the east but wants a cowboy for a husband.

Flashlight Photograph of Gifford Pinchot, Showing Former Chief Forester in a Characteristic Attitude



TWO BANDITS ROB DRUGSTORE IN CITY

National Pharmacy Entered, Shot Fired at Proprietor, and One Dollar Stolen

Two robbers entered the National pharmacy, 1601 South Grand avenue, at 8:50 o'clock last night while the proprietor, A. E. Kruell, was alone in the place and ordered him to open the cash drawer. When he refused and dropped down behind the counter one of the intruders fired at the crouching man, narrowly missing his head. The robbers then opened the register, spilled the money on the floor and ran out of the store after obtaining a single dollar. Later George D. Graham, a young man, was arrested by Captain Bradish and booked at the University police station on a charge of robbery.

A few minutes before the robbery several women were in the drug store eating ice cream at the soda fountain. After they left the fountain clerk was sent away on an errand, and Kruell went into the prescription room in the rear of the place to mix some drugs.

The druggist heard the door open and close. He parted the heavy curtains which divide the room and saw two men walking stealthily toward the cash register, which is on a counter near the rear of the store. Kruell asked them what they wanted,and one of the men—the younger and smaller of the pair—stepped close to the counter and in a low voice ordered the druggist to open the money drawer and hand over the contents. Almost simultaneously with the command, the other robber drew a revolver, leveled it over the shoulder of the small man and threatened to kill Kruell unless he obeyed the command to deliver the money.

BULLET CUTS THROUGH CURTAIN

As soon as he saw the gleam of the gun barrel, Kruell dropped down behind the counter and crawled toward the entrance to the rear room, which also is protected by a counter. The man with the revolver evidently anticipated this move, and despite the fact that the druggist was calling for help ta the top of his voice, sent a bullet whizzing through the curtain, several inches above the head of Kruell.

After the shot was fired the druggist ceased yelling. This evidently led the men to believe that the bullet struck the mark, and one of the men leaped over the counter and opened the cash register. The drawer of the cash receptacle was jerked out with such force that the money was scattered about the floor. At this moment Kruell again began to cry for help, and the men ran out of the place.

The druggist telephoned to the University station and told his story. He then notified the central police station.

When the message was received at the central station Dr. J. A. Fotser, a dentist of 444 South Broadway, appeared in his automobile. He volunteered the use of his auto, and Detectives Ben McCann and William Ingram made a record run to the scene.

CAPTURE YOUTH IN BARN

In the meantime Captain Bradish of the University station and several patrolmen had reached the scene. Captain Bradish made a hurried investiga-

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WASHINGTON CAR KILLS FIANCEE OF ANGELENO

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—While trying to board a southbound suburban car into the city, where she intended to purchase the final articles of her trousseau, Mrs. Eliza E. Williams, who was to have been married soon to Warren K. Jessup of Los Angeles, was struck today by a northbound trolley car and instantly killed. Her husband was dun down by a freight train several years ago and killed within sight of his home.

PROBERS LEARN OF DESTROYED BOOKS

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The books, private accounts and vouchers of Louis F. Goodsell, former state senator from Orange county, and those of H. S. Beardsley, secretary-treasurer of the New York State Railway association, with which Senator Goodsell had business dealings, are no longer in existence.

They were wanted by the Merritt legislative committee, but both Goodsell and Beardsley testified today they had destroyed them.

The books, private accounts and vouchers of Louis F. Bedell, formerly assemblyman from Orange county, are no longer in existence. Bedell testified at a previous hearing of the committee that they had been destroyed in the Hotel Gramertine fire.

The cumulative effect of the testimony of Goodsell and Beardsley produced a sensation. Mr. Goodsell caused another milder one, when, in defending his bill granting sweeping privileges to the New York Transportation company, he noted that Col. Roosevelt, then governor, had signed it.

REPUBLICAN INVOLVED

There was a craning of necks when the name of C. H. Betts, member of the Republican state committee from Wayne county, was mentioned as one who had $1750 during 1908 from the railway association "for information furnished."

The nature of the information or whence it came was not disclosed. Mr. Betts was elected yesterday to head the Wayne county delegation to the Republican state convention. He is the only man now alive and in public life whose name has been brought into the present controversy.

Today Mr. Goodsell was asked to throw light upon a credit of $2000 placed with Ellingwood & Cunningham by President Rogers of the Street Railway association in 1903, and testified it had probably been "for campaign purposes."

The books of the Republican state committee might show it, the witness "imagined."

The witness was asked concerning a letter sent him by Ellingwood & Cunningham in 1903, advising him that if he visited the firm's offices he would be given the sum of $5000 in cash. He professed ignorance of this $5000 and could not recall having ever received it.

In justification of the destruction of his books, Beardsley said the annual reports of the Railway association would show its income and disbursements.

FLAYS DEFENDERS OF BALLINGER

Congressman James Replies to Criticisms Made by Republicans of Probe Committee

[Associated Press]

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 14.—Congressman Ollie James, one of the Democratic members of the Ballinger investigating committee, replied to the statement issued by the Republican member sof the committee in Chicago yesterday:

"The statement is only positive proof of what we saw demonstrated in Minneapolis, and that is that the Republican members of the committee did not desire to make a report on the Ballinger case until after the elections. Their attempt to prevent a report was resorted to by breaking up a quorum.

"Senator Root arrived in New York on the 6th of this month. The committee did not meet until the 9th to pass on the Ballinger report. Had he desired he could easily have been in Minneapolis. Senator Flint stated positively he would not be present. Representative Olmstead was in Maine making political speeches which he thought more important than attending to his official duty. He might plead, however, in mitigation of his absence to the minority, the result of the Maine election. Representative Denby was absent, endeavoring to defeat an insurgent for the senate, in which he was likewise unsuccessful.

"The rest of us were there. Five of us were there ready to do business. We adjourned five days, waiting for the others. We had a duty to perform and we performed it.

"The statement made by the gentlemen that the meeting called for September 5 in Minneapolis was for the purpose of considering and discussing the report to be made three months thereafter, is far from the truth. It was specifically agreed when we adjourned in Washington to meet in Minneapolis September 5 that it was for the purpose of making up our report and giving it to the public.

"We owe it to the people to give this report to them. If Secretary Ballinger is innocent these gentlemen ought to have the courage to say so and not allow him to rest under a cloud until after the election, or until congress assembles, and on the other hand, if Mr. Ballinger, as guardian of many millions of the people's property, was an unsafe official and unfaithful to the people, the quicker this was given to the public the bettetr."

ROBBERS SECURE $15,000 AT RESIDENCE OF JUDGE

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 14.—Two daring burglaries were reported by the police today, one at the summer home of Judge Le Baron B. Colt of the United States circuit court at Bristol, where more than $15,000 in jewels and money was stolen last night, and the other at the Kneval cottage at Watch hill, where jewels belonging to Mrs. E. M. Burill of Waterbury, Conn., and a Mrs. Thatcher of Boston, to the value of $10,000, were taken.

PINCHOT COMES, LAUDING VICTORY OF INSURGENTS

Former Chief of Forestry Bureau Arrives After Tour of Oil Fields

NEW ERA OPENING, HE SAYS

Resources of National Domain to Be Protected, Asserts Former Official

BY T. SHELLEY SUTTON

Gifford Pinchot, formerly chief of the forestry bureau of the department of agriculture, dismissed by President Taft because of his conservation policies and his opposition to the methods of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, arrived in Los Angeles last night, accompanied by his brother Amos, President A. E. Montgomery and Secretary Sidney Norman of the Sierra Madre club of Los Angeles, and Parker Barrett, J. P. Dunn and Professor F. J. Merrill, state mineralogists of New York.

The party arrived by automobile from Bakersfield, fresh from a tour of the oil fields, but apparently not the least fatigued.

The former forester and his brother are registered at the Van Nuys, but will leave this morning for San Clemente island, where they will remain during the next ten days, hunting and fishing. On his return to Los Angeles Mr. Pinchot stated that he would probably remain for several days and would address the Mining congress to convene here September 26.

Mr. Pinchot was smiling radiantly when he stepped from the automobile. His smile is not of the superficial variety, suggestive of the politician.

ENTHUSED BY INSURGENTS

"What do you think of the insurgent victory in Washington?" I asked him.

"It has enthused me," he replied, quietly. "Insurgency is nation-wide. The country is aroused. The people are waking up. California and Washington may be proud that they have been among the first to join in the great protest."

"Don't you think the victory of the insurgents in Washington is in the nature of a repudiation of Secretary Ballinger?" I asked.

Mr. Pinchot smiled. It was typically a Pinchot smile—there is no other way to describe it. There was something Rooseveltian in its significance; but he looked steadily at the reporter and seemed a bit disappointed that so pertinent a question had been asked of him.

"Well, now, I hadn't thought of that. I prefer not to discuss it," he said.

"Seattle also has rolled up a heavy vote for the insurgents. That is Mr. Ballinger's home city," I suggested.

"Yes." And he smiled again, thoughtfully.

"The Democrats have carried Maine, however. To what do you attribute that?"

"To the failure of the progressive Republicans there to organize," he replied, unhesitatingly.

OPENING UP NEW ERA

"Of course, you were gratified by the insurgent victory in California?"

"Gratified does not express it. The insurgents are going to control the national party. The old order of things is passing. We are on the threshhold of a new era."

"The new Republican party will not countenance the policies of the old?"

Again he smiled, almost affirmatively, but with an evident disposition to discuss other features of his visit here.

"You are making friends with the oil men?"

"I believe so. There seems to have been a misunderstanding relative to my attitude toward the oil producers."

"There was some criticism of your conservation policy in the matter of oil lands, I believe?"

"Yes. Through McKittrick and the other oil districts from which I have just come, however, I was accorded a hearty welcome by the oil men, and have carefully investigated the conditions prevailing there. I have promised not to discuss my findings, but I can assure you that all the oil men with whom I have discussed my policies have gone away my friends; and I believe they will stand by me."

"Do you think Mr. Roosevelt will openly sustain you, or that he will discuss your treatment by Mr. Taft?"

"I prefer not to discuss national affairs, if you will pardon me," he said, again smiling significantly.

"It has been some time since you have visited Southern California. What is your impression of it?"

"I can hardly express it. You have a wonderful country. Everything is so beautiful and so prosperous and progressive that I am almost dumfounded."

CONSERVATION HIS HOBBY

And this was about all Gifford Pinchot would say. But it was enough to reveal his nature and his life purpose to the average individual. Every moment of his time is taken up with study and research. Every action tends toward the accomplishment of an end. Conservation is his hobby, and believing that he is backed by the great body of the American people, he has set about to achieve his mission, to protect the resources of the national domain, to conserve them for future generations, prevent the corporations from looting the storehouses of the people, economize, the national wealth for posterity, protect the streams and forests, and achieve the great conservation reforms advocated by former President Roosevelt and executed by Mr. Pinchot until his dismissal from office by President Taft.

Pinchot is a hard worker—a thinker of remarkable personality, natural and unaffected. Those who may have pictured him as a greatly wronged man, bent on revenge, would be disappointed even to glance at him. There is nothing in his appearance or in his manner that would even suggest to his closest friend that he remembers the national episode in which he figured so dramatically less than a year ago. Apparently he has forgotten it. His smile is significant. It won't rub off, for it is pregnant with meaning—with

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