

## ARREST FITZGERALD

### SAY HE STOLE THE \$175,000 FROM CHICAGO DEPOSITORY.

Mystery of Robbery of Subtreasury May Be Solved—Big Bills Missing—For Eighteen Months Crime Has Baffled Secret Service Men—Accused Was a Teller.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The mystery of the theft of \$175,000 from the United States subtreasury a year and a half ago, one of the largest losses the government has ever suffered in this manner, is believed to have been solved by the arrest of George W. Fitzgerald. Others are believed to have been implicated in the crime, which for months completely baffled the government secret service men. Fitzgerald was an assisting teller under Assistant Treasurer William Boldenweck. Suspicion at the time of the theft, February 20, 1907, rested on him, but so plausible was his story that interest ceased to center on him. Much work was done on the theory that the crime had been perpetrated by a colored man. Meanwhile Fitzgerald was discharged from the government employ for culpable negligence in allowing such a theft to be consummated under his very eyes. The money stolen had been used and was tied in packages, some having been marked for destruction at Washington. Any of the bills would readily have passed anywhere except for their large denominations. None of the bills was under \$500 and some were of \$5000 and \$10,000 denominations. The \$10,000 ones predominated.

Meanwhile, Herbert F. Young, a former Chicago newspaper man, and now head of the Young Secret Service agency, became interested in the case, at first without official connection, but later as the agent of Mr. Boldenweck. Mr. Young's attention was drawn to Fitzgerald. The latter, upon his discharge from the subtreasury, stated that his whole fortune consisted of \$600 in cash and a stock certificate for \$1000. His wife had a \$700 interest in the estate of her mother, which was valued at about \$4000 and was in litigation.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, however, according to Mr. Young, embarked in speculation on a scale not consistent with the size of her reputed means. There was, however, no ostentation in Fitzgerald's life. The lavish display which detectives invariably look for in tracing stolen funds was absent.

Last July the scent is said to have become hot when Colonel Harry C. Gano, superintendent of A. Booth & Co., a business man of prominence, reported to Mr. Boldenweck, it is said, that Fitzgerald had approached him with a proposition to pass several \$1000 bills. "With your big business connections," Fitzgerald is alleged to have argued to Colonel Gano, "you can easily pass them. There's \$500 in it for you."

Gano is reported to have declared that he had a roll of similar bills that "would choke a horse." Boldenweck requested Colonel Gano to resume negotiations with Fitzgerald, with the result that by prearrangement, Detective Young says, several witnesses were present when the former teller proposed to pass two \$1000 bills to Colonel Gano. "I will bring two," Fitzgerald is alleged to have said, "for you can get rid of two just as well as one."

So far as known Fitzgerald was not seen to pass any of the large bills.

### BIG CONSTANTINOPLE FIRE

Fifteen Hundred Houses and Shops Destroyed.

Constantinople, Turkey, Aug. 23.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the Stamboul quarter and within a very brief period a terrible conflagration was raging. A strong wind carried the flames along at a great speed, and for six hours they swept over the section, destroying 1500 houses and shops. The fire was still burning at 9 o'clock tonight, but the wind had decreased considerably.

### BARON VON STERNBERG IS DEAD

German Nobleman Succumbs Suddenly at Heidelberg.

Heidelberg, Germany, Aug. 23.—Baron Speck von Sternberg died here today. He was ambassador from Germany to the United States.

### Surprise Killed Her.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 23.—General Nelson A. Miles and his brother, Daniel, of Westminster, went to Leominster recently to call on their sister, Mrs. Mary Jane E. Merriam, who has not been seen the general for several years. The woman was overjoyed at the reunion, and not being in a strong condition physically, exerted herself too much.

After the departure of General Miles and his brother she collapsed and died within an hour.

Physicians who were called on the case say that the excitement of seeing her brothers was the cause of death. Mrs. Merriam was 77 years old, and had lived in Leominster since 1856, the time of her marriage.

### New Ruler for Peru.

New York.—Augusto B. Leguia has been proclaimed president of the republic of Peru by the Peruvian congress.

### WRECK, PANIC, 40 DROWN

Steamer in Norway Waters Sinks in Three Minutes.

Bergen, Norway, Aug. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Folge-Fonden, from Bergen to Haugesund, on the west coast of Norway, was wrecked last night near Skoneviks and sank in three minutes. The steamer carried 70 passenger, and it is believed 40 of them were drowned. Fifteen bodies have been recovered. The captain of the steamer was among those saved. The Folge-Fonden carried on only a local traffic, and it is believed that no foreigners were aboard.

It is reported that a terrible panic occurred when the steamer struck; that fearful scenes were witnessed on the shore as the vessel sank. Boats were hurriedly manned by those who had witnessed the catastrophe and went to the assistance of the vessel, but most of them arrived too late to rescue the passenger.

### SHORT SPORTING ITEMS.

The cutting out of football by both the Spokane and Seattle athletic clubs is not a bad move.

Once again Kid Sealer is booked to meet Abe Attell, the champion featherweight of the world.

Stackpole, the pitcher imported by Tacoma from the east, has been released by Captain Lynch.

Roy Dudley, who was with Butte and Seattle during a part of this season, is now playing ball in Dillon, Mont.

Walter Brubaker, the wonderful quarterback of the Whitman college football team of last season, writes definitely that he will not return.

Dutcher, the Whitman college boy who broke into the Northwestern league a few weeks ago, has been released by Manager Shreeder of the Tacoma Tigers.

The Olympic games showed the supremacy of the American athletes over those of the other countries of the world, but it is a question whether much else was accomplished by these games.

John Middleton, the star coach of last season at the University of Idaho, originator of the famous "Idaho sweep," has again contracted to coach for the Idaho university for the coming season.

"Tamp" Osborne, the eccentric pitcher who was with the Spokane team last season, now pitching in the bush for Chehalis, Wn., has turned down an offer from the Oakland team in the Coast league, preferring to remain in the bush.

When Ham Hyatt and Pat Flanagan of the Vancouver team go into the big league they will find themselves up against different sort of pitchers than they have been out here, and will also find that much more is demanded of them in fielding than the Northwestern league exacts.

At Sydney, N. S. W., Tommy Burns, the American heavyweight pugilist, won from Bill Squires in the thirteenth round. Monday, Prendergast, the lightweight champion of the American fleet, defeated Raff of Sydney in the first round of what was scheduled to be a 10-round fight.

The 12-oared cutter race between the crews of the battleships Illinois and Louisiana for the Battenberg cup was won by the Louisiana men. The distance was 3 1/2 miles, and the winners finished 15 lengths in the lead. One of the men on the battleship Georgia, named Cassidy, was drowned.

Pittsburg won the greatest baseball game ever played there from Brooklyn Saturday, 1 to 0. The contest lasted 17 innings, which breaks all records for extra innings games in this city and equals the National league record for 1 to 0 games made by Chicago and Boston in 1901. The world's record for a similar contest is 18 innings, made by Providence and Detroit in 1882, which Pitcher Radbourn won with a home run.

Miss Ellen Golding, champion woman swimmer of America, defeated three other women swimmers recently in a three-mile race across the Hudson river from Irvington to Piermont, swimming the distance in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Her nearest competitor was Miss Clara Hurst, who recently swam from Brooklyn bridge to Coney Island. Miss Hurst finished one minute behind Miss Golding. The other two swimmers, Miss Elsie Thiel and Miss Nellie Dure, finished in the order named.

### Judge a Good Splicer.

Council Bluffs, Iowa.—Edgar S. Garrison, judge of the district court of the canal zone, isthmus of Panama, who enjoys the unique record of having caused 253 marriages in five days, and of having performed 46 civil marriage ceremonies in a period of 45 minutes, was in Council Bluffs recently. The judge is visiting at his old home in Logan, where for six years he was clerk of the district court of Harrison county. He left Empire, his place of residence in the canal zone, July 21 and is due to return there September 1.

### Wu Talks to Chinese Youths.

Ashburnham, Mass.—The feature of Saturday's session at the conference of the Eastern Alliance of Chinese Students here was the address to the students by Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States.

### Free Mails for Pensioners.

Hereafter all pensioners will be allowed the free use of mails to return their pension vouchers, as the result of an order issued today amending the postal regulations.

## PRAISES CANAL WORK

### SPECIAL COMMISSION REPORTS TO PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt is Pleased With Report Which Tells of the Success of the Work Being Done on Panama Canal—Colonel Goethals, Superintendent, Gets Much Praise.

President Roosevelt has made public a report submitted to him on August 6 by a special commission consisting of James Bronson Reynolds, Samuel B. Donnelly and Henry Beach Needham regarding conditions in Panama. The commission was appointed April 25 last.

That the president is pleased with the report is shown in a letter which he sent to each member of the commission on Friday. He expressed particular pleasure over the fact that the commissioners uphold the administration of Colonel Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, and the president has had a copy mailed to Colonel Goethals, requesting that the recommendations made by the commission be put into effect so far as possible. The president will submit the report to congress with appropriate recommendations.

The commissioners report that they "inspected the entire line of the canal excavation from La Boca, the southern or Pacific terminus, to Cristobal, the northern or Caribbean terminus, and traveled through the excavation several times interviewing the men at work. Indicating the scope of the inspection, the commission reports that it visited the "government workshops, construction plants, warehouses, shipyards, dredges, commissary stores, living quarters (that is, hotels, messes, kitchens and camps), schools, clubhouses, courts, police stations and the convalescent home at Taboga."

### Success on Canal Astounding.

President Roosevelt's letter to the investigators says: "I doubt if there is any piece of work undertaken on behalf of the American people of recent years of which the American people have more reason to be proud than of the work done on the Panama canal. The success has literally been astounding. Five years ago, when we undertook the task, no sane man would have dared to hope for the results which have already been achieved. The work itself has been advanced more expeditiously than we had ventured to think, and the rapidity of the rate of progress has steadily increased."

"Meanwhile the treatment of hygienic conditions on the isthmus has been such as to make it really the model for all work of the kind in tropical countries. Five years ago the isthmus of Panama was a byword for unhealthfulness of the most deadly kind. At present the canal zone is one of the healthiest places on the globe and the work, which is being prosecuted with such tremendous energy, is being prosecuted under conditions so favorable to the health and well-being of the workers that the mortality among them is abnormally small."

### Uncle Sam Model Employer.

"Finally, in addition to the extreme efficiency of the work under Colonel Goethals and his assistants and the extraordinary hygienic success achieved under Dr. Gorgas, there is the further and exceedingly gratifying fact that on the isthmus the United States government has been able to show itself a model employer. There are matters to correct, of course, as your trip showed, but on the other hand it is true that the United States is looking after the welfare and health and comfort of those working for it as no other government has ever done in work of like character."

### WOMEN IN AUTO MAIMED.

Streetcar Hits Machine in Los Angeles and Six Persons Suffer.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 24.—Six persons were injured, one probably fatally, late Sunday when an inbound Los Angeles Pacific car struck an automobile at the intersection of Sixteenth street and Western avenue, practically destroying the machine and hurling its six passengers in every direction. The injured are: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McKibben, Mr. and Mrs. Corey Hoff, Mrs. Anne Hoff, Pasadena. Sarah Hoff, aged 14, Pasadena. Responsibility for the collision has not been placed, the motorman of the car and Corey Hoff, who was driving the automobile, both declaring they failed to sight the approaching vehicle.

### Alaska Wheat Just Fair.

Professor Elliott of Washington State College, says: "Field of 'Alaska' wheat examined will not run more than 35 bushels to the acre. The highest recorded world's yield is 100 bushels for any wheat. Twenty-five per cent of that in Adams' fields is not 'Alaska' wheat, it being badly mixed with other varieties. The head droops heavily and will lodge badly. Heads are not of uniform size. Wheat is never found growing wild, even in remote Alaska. In three years 'Alaska' wheat will be a memory."

### IS KING OF BRONCHO BUSTERS.

Dick Stanley Rides "Old Steamboat," Outlaw Horse Never Before Conquered.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The awarding of the first place to Dick Stanley of Portland, Ore., in the world's championship broncho busting contest here today and the treatment of Ikuaa Purdy and Archie Klaua, the Hawaiians, who won first and third places in the steer roping contests and carry with them to their island home the world's championship, has done more to overcome the feeling that outside riders and ropers could not get a square deal in Cheyenne than anything else. For years the Cheyenne riders, or those living close to Cheyenne, have been awarded the championship, and often when outside riders were clearly entitled to the prize, but a transformation is in progress, and the people of Cheyenne are determined to give outsiders the same chance to win that is accorded local men.

This spirit was manifested in the stand today, when the judges insisted upon Dick Stanley riding again and again against Clayton Danks, when the Portland man clearly outpointed the Cheyenne rider by riding "Old Steamboat" to a finish and scratched him at every jump, whereas Danks rode the veteran outlaw with his spurs set firmly in the cinches. Stanley had been giving exhibitions of fancy riding in front of the grandstand and was worn out before he entered the bucking, but he gamely hung on and rode "Beaver" to a finish after he had subdued "Old Steamboat."

To Stanley belongs the honor of being the first man who ever scratched "Old Steamboat" and remained on his back, for the best riders in the country have failed to stick and scratch the outlaw.

### WRIGHT TAKES ACTION.

Two West Point Men Dismissed and Six Others Suspended.

Announcement is made by Secretary of War Wright that his recommendation for the punishment of the eight West Point cadets, suspended from the military academy for hazing, had been approved by the president.

The order to be issued by Secretary Wright, based upon the president's approval, will dismiss from the academy the two first class men under suspension, Wm. T. Russell, Jr., a son of Col. W. T. Russell of the engineer corps of the army, and Harry G. Weaver of Illinois; and the suspension without pay and allowances for one year of the six members of the third class, George Washington Chase of New York, Wm. Nalle of Virginia, Wm. Wellington Brude of Alabama, and Isaac Spalding of Oklahoma.

### Farmer Bests Holdup.

New York.—Raymond D. Tuttle, a farmer of Lincoln Park, N. J., was "held up" by two highwaymen and in consequence one of them is poorer by a gold watch and \$25, which Tuttle will hold as the spoils.

He was returning from Paterson when the two men leaped into his wagon and commanded him to disgorge the contents of his pockets. Instead, the farmer struck one of the men, knocking him over the dashboard, and the horses trampled on him.

As the animals continued to speed along Tuttle continued to fight the other one. Within a hundred yards from his house he tore most of the highwayman's clothing off and hurled him into the road.

Later, Tuttle searched the clothes, and in a waistcoat pocket found the money and watch. The latter is worth \$50.

### Sydney Entertains Fleet.

Sydney, Australia.—Despite a heavy downfall of rain that swept over this city this afternoon the entertainments for the men of the battleship fleet, which included a regatta, football and baseball matches, races at Rose Hill and matinee performances at all the theaters, were carried out as per program Saturday.

A baseball team composed of sailors from the Nebraska defeated the team of the Sydney university by a score of 3 to 0, and the team representing the entire fleet defeated the New South Wales team by a score of 6 to 4. In a Rugby football match New South Wales team turned the tables and defeated the fleet team by a score of 6 to 3.

### Ballinger on Committee.

Washington state has been honored by the appointment of Hon. Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle as one of the members of the advisory committee of the republican national committee. The other members of the committee, as announced by Chairman Hitchcock are:

Cornelius N. Bliss, New York; Powell Clayton, Arkansas; W. Murray Crane, Massachusetts; William Nelson Cromwell, New York; John Hayes Hammond, Massachusetts; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Charles P. Taft, Ohio; Arthur I. Vorys, Ohio.

### Lumber Fire Loss is \$175,000.

Wilmington, Vt., Aug. 22.—The Mountain mills, owned by the Deerfield Lumber company, together with three tent houses, all of the storehouses of the company and nine lumber laden freight cars, have been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$175,000.

The stopping of an express train requires twice as much power as starting it.

## SULTAN'S ARMY LOST

### HIS BROTHER IS VICTORIOUS NEAR MOROCCO.

Bloodiest Battle of Campaign Which His Eldest Brother Has Conducted—Soldiers in Mad Panic—Overthrow of Sultan Causes Consternation Among His Subjects.

His army crushed by the forces of his brother, he himself barely escaping capture and today a refugee seeking protection under the French flag, Abdul Aziz, sultan of Morocco, has lost his throne to Mulai Hafid, the pretender.

The overthrow of the sultan's army, the receipt of the news of which tonight surprised all France, occurred 50 miles from Morocco city and was the bloodiest battle in the campaign which Mulai Hafid, the sultan's elder brother, has conducted for the sultan's army, using a "religious war" as his weapon of conquest.

Full details of the battle are lacking, but it is reported that thousands fell in the engagement and that the sultan's forces, the advance guard alone of which was engaged in the early fighting, was put to utter rout. The bursting of several of the sultan's cannons, due to ineffective gunnery, threw the soldiers into a panic and started the mad rout.

It was at first reported that the sultan had fallen into his brother's hands, but a message from the French commander at Casa Blanca says that Abdul escaped with a remnant of his army and is now a refugee somewhere within the French zone, but just where is not stated.

The news of the overthrow of the sultan has thrown the war office into a quandary, as news from Morocco early in the week indicated the complete defeat of the pretender in an engagement near El Kela and the surrender of Morocco city, which had been held by Mulai Hafid.

There is no concealment of alarm, however, should Mulai attempt to throw too much power to the adventurous Englishmen who have conducted his campaign. These concessions are supposed to include mines, railways and the reorganization of Morocco's financial system, which France will not willingly submit to.

Three months ago it was clearly seen that the sultan was in imminent danger of overthrow. The uprising headed by his brother swept the country. Moslem hordes were joining him by the thousands. Mulai's cry was that the sultan was rapidly becoming Christianized and was deserting the old Moslem faith. With such a shibboleth it was no trouble for him to rally a large army.

Mulai proclaimed himself sultan of the whole kingdom of Marrakesh, the southern capital, at this time, and shortly afterward he entered Fez, the northern capital, amid the acclamations of the populace and surrounding tribes. Mequinez, Morocco's third capital, was also taken by the pretender.

### Indicted for Rioting.

Twenty more indictments, making 50 in all, were returned by the special grand jury of Sangamon county, Illinois.

They include five indictments against Thomas Marshall and 12 other negroes who are accused of having led in a murderous attack upon William E. Bowe, chief clerk of the county treasurer's office.

Bowe has been hovering between life and death for a week.

The negroes are charged with having assaulted Bowe with intent to murder, and of assault with deadly weapons upon John Watling, a white citizen who was shot in the Friday night riot last week.

Other indictments returned are against whites and are based upon destruction and looting of Loper's restaurant.

### Shipped Leper Out of State.

Tombstone, Ariz.—It is learned that Mrs. Isabella Wardell, the leper who was reported to have escaped quarantine and fled to Los Angeles, where she is now in the county hospital, was in reality kidnapped by H. A. Bishop, Tombstone, who wanted her out of the state. He admits the kidnapping, saying nobody would come near the Tombstone hospital while the leper was there. Bishop declared that General Wardell, the leper's husband, who recently died of a broken heart, tried every way to contract the disease so he could be near his wife.

### American Belle a Suicide.

Paris, Aug. 24.—Miss Winnifred Parsons of New York, youngest daughter of the late Charles Parsons, was found dead with a bullet wound in her head today in her apartment in the Avenue Iena. The police say that the case is one of suicide, while friends of the dead girl declare that the shooting was an accident. When found, the girl's right hand clutched a revolver.

### Insanity Plea for Haines Brothers.

New York.—Relatives and counsel of the Haines brothers, accused of the murder of William Annis, determined today that an alienist should be employed to testify for the defense in support of an insanity plea.

### SENDS A FLEET TO SAMOA

Rear Admiral Swinburne is Given Command.

Rear Admiral William T. Swinburne, commanding the armored cruiser fleet which, with a torpedo boat division, sailed Monday from San Francisco to Samoa. With the great fleet of 16 battleships of the Atlantic fleet now on the Pacific, calls of courtesy in Australia and incidentally demonstrating the naval power of the United States, a lively interest has been aroused in Europe over the ability of this country to follow it across the same ocean with another powerful armada within so short a period.

Seven armored cruisers and the same number of torpedo boats will make the cruise, which is undertaken entirely for the benefit of the practice and experience that will be gained. Rear Admiral Swinburne will be in command with the West Virginia as his flagship.

The other vessels will be the Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, California and South Dakota. The last four will constitute the second division and will be under the command of Rear Admiral Sebree. These cruisers, which number among them some of the latest crack ships of this class, will be joined later by the Colorado, which is now undergoing some minor repairs at the Bremerton navy yard in Puget sound.

### MINES AND MINING.

The recent rejuvenation in Furnace Creek and Furnace Valley on the New York curb market is the report.

Reno.—Sheriffs of three counties are investigating alleged thefts of high grade ore amounting to over \$50,000 from the main drifts of the Shelby consolidated shaft near Virginia city.

Reno, B. C.—The rush of gold seekers to the new camp at Schurz, near Rawhide, continues, and the stream has been so steady that scores are without accommodations of any kind.

Denver.—Gold bullion valued at \$5,000,000 was received at the Denver mint today direct from the superintendent of the mint at San Francisco. This is said to be the largest single shipment of gold bullion ever received here.

Terre Haute, Ind.—The strike in the bituminous coal fields is officially ended by the announcement that the operators' association has agreed to the demands of the miners of district No. 1, and thousands of miners will be at work immediately.

Phoenix, B. C.—As a result of an accident at the Mother Lode mine, the 3-year-old daughter of James Dimmick is dead and his wife lies in a precarious condition. Rock was being blasted from a slope to the quarry when a flying piece went through the roof of the Dimmick home.

The Stewart mine near Gardner, Idaho, has been financed, according to news from New York, where the stock of the United Copper company has taken a strong rise, based on the belief that F. Augustus Heinze has been able to finance the Stewart, the Ohio and the Davis-Daly properties without losing his grip on them. The control of the Stewart, purchased by Mr. Heinze, is now owned by the United Copper.

As showing the great activity in mining in Montana, the report of the official in charge of the United States assay office in Helena for the month of July is a splendid criterion. The receipts for that month amounted to \$202,321, as against \$113,356 in the same month last year, or nearly double. The gold receipts amounted to \$181,622, as compared with \$103,274 a year ago. For the first time in many years Madison, the county in which gold was first discovered in Montana in 1863, step into first place as a producer, with \$59,753. Fergus county is second.

### Girl Was Lost in Clouds.

Dayton, Ohio.—Clinging desperately to a trapeze bar, Miss May Ostumer of Springfield, Ohio, was lost in the clouds for three hours Saturday. The girl made a balloon ascension, her first aerial experience, at a picnic given here and was to have made a parachute drop. The girl lost her nerve when the balloon had reached the proper altitude for the descent and was carried for several miles east of his city, where she landed exhausted in a field.

### Big Meteor Jars Kansas Town.

Salina, Kan.—A large meteor fell three miles north of Ellsworth recently, lighting up the country for miles around and burning brightly 20 minutes after it struck the ground. The meteor exploded when it struck the ground and shook the town of Ellsworth. Windows and pictures hanging on the walls of houses in Ellsworth were shaken, although no damage was done that could be learned of this morning.

### Woman Bather Steps on Corpse.

New York.—While in bathing in four feet of water, at Orchard beach, recently, Mrs. J. Mathewson of 1723 Victor avenue, the Bronx, stumbled on the dead body of a man. As she bent down to see what it was she touched the face. She screamed and fainted and would have drowned but for the aid of other bathers, who brought her to shore, says the American.

L. W. Smith, living on a farm near Anaton, Wash., 30 miles south of here, has discovered a mine of sandstone on his place which will be valuable for building purposes. He expects to begin work at once to develop.