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The arrest in Chicago Sunday of George W. Fitzgerald, formerly an assorting teller under Assistant United States Treasurer William Boldenweck at the sub-treasury in that city is but another example of the remorselessness with which the government keeps on the trail of those who are suspected of defrauding it.

J. A. Smith, of Bessemer City, Republican candidate for Congress in this, the ninth, district, has succeeded in getting himself interviewed by The Industrial News at Greensboro, the same appearing in Saturday's issue of that paper.

Dr. Price, the famous food expert, has produced a product called

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is 3,500 to 4,000 and we fail to see any reason why it is going to be less this year. Mr. Smith further told the reporter that he expected the Republican vote in this district to be materially increased over that of two years ago, though he failed to give any reason therefor.

A ONE-PLANK PLATFORM.

The Republican convention at Dallas Saturday was so thoroughly imbued with the one dominant idea regarding the court house that it forgot everything else; even neglected to endorse President Roosevelt and his man Friday; it forgot to declare itself displeased with the county's roads (some of its leaders have for months and months been berating the present board of commissioners on this score); it forgot to pass resolutions condemning the Democratic party's reign of terrible extravagance in this State; in short it never occurred to the convention that there was anything else worth thinking about.

If the Republican party in the county thought it could, by appealing to the prejudices of some people, carry the county on this one single issue we believe it made the saddest mistake of its life. It is our opinion that when the court house question is settled it will be according to the wishes of the majority of the voters in the county; if it is the will of the majority that the county seat remain at Dallas it will remain there; if the majority wills that it be moved to another point, then there is where it should be. Majority rule is the basic principle of Democracy. To try to thwart the will of the majority is un-Democratic. Surely the citizens of Gaston county who have the best interests of their county at heart will not cast their votes for a set of men who ask for office on only one declared principle when there are others of more vital importance to be considered. Under Democratic rule the county has prospered in the past; you can do no better than to continue this rule in the future.

The World's Enormous Gold Production and Its Effect Upon Prices. Manufacturers Record.

The production of gold, to which attention was thus called, goes on with accelerating pace. During the first half of the nineteenth century the total production of gold was \$787,000,000, while during the second half it amounted to \$6,900,000,000. For the first time in the history of the world the production of gold exceeded \$200,000,000 in 1896, while in 1903 the output was about \$350,000,000 and in 1907 it was \$412,000,000. In other words, two years' production now will largely exceed the total production of the first half of the nineteenth century.

The production of the 12 years from 1896 to 1907, both inclusive, was over \$3,730,000,000, or considerably more than the total production of the world from 1492 to 1896. The world's production from 1492 to 1896, a little over 400 years, was \$8,700,000,000. In the last 12 years the world has produced 42 per cent. as much gold as it did in the preceding 403 years. Reviewing this situation we said on March 7, 1907: "In studying these figures every thoughtful man must be impressed with their significance, and with the tremendous influence of this gold output upon the expansion of the world's trade and commerce, of a steadily rising cost of living, which necessarily means high wages, of a great increase in the value of landed properties, agricultural as well as coal and ore and cement and timber, and all other forms of property whose values, unlike those of bonds and mortgages, are not limited to a fixed rate of income. Temporary reactions will not count very much in halting this upward and forward movement. Its end is not yet in sight, though no one would be so foolish as to say that in the readjustment of the world's business to these conditions there may not be some sharp reaction."

Mr. Kenneth Babington leaves to-night or in the morning for Raleigh to resume his studies at the A. and M. College. He is a member of the Junior class this year.

Reports were circulating on the street this afternoon to the effect that Lonk Creek bridge had washed away but a gentleman who crossed it at 2:30 o'clock said it was still there, the water jacking some five feet of being to the bridge bed.

TWO HOMICIDES IN GASTON.

One Negro Killed Another at Bessemer City With Baseball Bat—Pisgah Section Scene of Accidental Killing of Negro by Another.

Two homicides, the victims and their slayers in both cases being negroes, have occurred in the county since Saturday morning. The slayers are now in jail awaiting trial.

Yesterday Coroner W. N. Davis and County Physician L. N. Glenn were called to the home of Jim Crawford, colored, in the Pisgah neighborhood to hold an inquest and examination over the dead body of a negro named Leslie who was shot Sunday by one of Crawford's sons. On account of the heavy rains telephone connections were hard to get this morning hence the details regarding this killing are meagre. As far as can be learned Leslie went Sunday to the home of Jim Crawford to see the latter's daughter. While there he and one of Crawford's sons became engaged in a supposedly friendly bout with razors, no injuries being inflicted on either. As a result of this bout the Crawford boy went into another room and returned with a pistol. Saying to Leslie "now I've got you" or words to that effect he pulled the trigger and inflicted wounds which proved fatal. Crawford, it is said, claims that he thought the pistol was not loaded but the coroner's jury thought the evidence sufficient to hold the slayer for trial so he was committed to jail.

At Bessemer City Saturday afternoon "Buster" Brown struck a young negro named Bess on the head with a baseball bat. Though details are lacking it is presumed the two men quarreled over something. At the time, however, the wound did not appear to be serious. Later in the afternoon Bess hired a buggy at a livery stable and drove off somewhere returning the buggy and horse to the stable sometime Saturday night. He was not seen again until his dead body was found yesterday in a corn patch between the Methodist church and the residence of Mr. S. J. Durham. When the body was found it was devoid of all clothing except one shoe. Bess lived at Cherryville and was about 20 years old. "Buster" Brown lives at Stump-town, a negro suburb of Bessemer where the difficulty occurred. Brown was arrested and placed in jail.

Coroner Davis and County Physician Glenn went to Bessemer City this morning and are engaged at this writing in holding an autopsy and inquest over the body. It is reported that those who saw Bess after the difficulty did not notice any scar where he sustained the lick on his head and the autopsy will be necessary to determine whether death resulted from that lick or from some other cause.

NO. 38 JUMPS THE TRACK.

Southwestern Limited Ditched Near Swannee, Ga., Killing the Negro Fireman and the Engineer—No Passengers Hurt. Charlotte Observer.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—Train 38 on the Southern Railway, known as the Southwestern Limited, which left Atlanta shortly after noon to-day was wrecked four miles north of Swannee, Ga., about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The colored fireman, Mason Watkins, was killed instantly and the engineer, B. F. Dewberry, of Atlanta, was so badly scalded that he died later, both being pinned underneath the engine after it left the track and turned over. The mail car, baggage car and combination car also left the track and turned over, rolling down a 15 foot embankment.

The mail clerk escaped with minor bruises. None of the passengers was injured.

Just previous to the train's coming three small boys were seen running away from the scene. An investigation after the wreck developed the fact that a bolt had been placed upon the track and the flight of the boys leads to the belief that they may have been in a spirit of mischief placed the bolt in such a position as to cause the train to jump the track. The sheriff and railroad officers are now at work on the case.

Picnic Postponed.

It has been decided to postpone till some later date the picnic which was to have been given the Sunday school of Main Street Methodist church at Linwood next Thursday. The date will be announced probably next Sunday morning.

Death at Gray Mill.

Miss Ella Caldwell, aged 22 years, died at her home near the Gray Mill at 6:15 o'clock last night after an illness of six or seven months with lung trouble. The deceased young lady was the daughter of Mrs. Laura Caldwell. The funeral and burial will take place to-morrow morning at Hickory Grove church.

Death of Mr. John Payne.

Mr. John Payne died at his home on Main avenue near the old mill at midnight last night, after an illness of some weeks with typhoid fever. The deceased is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mr. Jack Huggins, and two children and was about 30 years of age. He was a carpenter by trade and had been living in Gastonia about two years, having come here from Lincoln county. The remains were taken to his old home in Lincoln county this morning for burial.

A Bishop in Anger.

It is popularly supposed that bishops possess the power of self control in a perfect degree, but sometimes the best of them disclose the fact that, after all, they are but men.

On one occasion a certain lord bishop, eloquent and saintly, whose name is almost a household word in England, was preaching at the opening of a new church and for a few days stayed at a country house in the neighborhood. This bishop was excessively fond of a game of billiards and could hold his own on the cloth against the majority of amateurs.

During this visit his lordship played several quiet games with his host, but one morning had a prolonged run of bad luck, which so exasperated him that at last he entirely lost his temper and in his rage snapped the cue in two across his knee. This mad action seemed to bring the bishop to his senses, and with profuse regrets he apologized to his host for his conduct, declaring that he would not have had it happen for the world. But the host coolly replied: "I must beg you, my lord, to think no more about the matter. I am really glad that it occurred, as for many years I have been wishing to see what a bishop was like when he wanted to use bad language."—London Tit-Bits.

Turner and the Doctor.

When Turner, the famous painter, was dying at Chelsea he sent in despair for a Rainsgate doctor who had done him some good during his recent stay at that place and who, he hoped, might take a different view of his case from that which the London physicians had expressed. The doctor arrived and confirmed the opinion that the artist had very little time longer to live. "Wait a bit," said Turner to the doctor. "You have had nothing to eat and drink yet, have you?" "No, but that's of no consequence." "But it is," replied the painter. "Go downstairs, and there is some fine brown sherry—don't spare it—and then come up and see me again." The doctor refreshed himself and then came back to the patient. "Now, then," said Turner, "what is it? Do you still think so badly of my case?" The doctor regretfully said he could not alter his former opinion. The artist shook his shoulders, turned his face to the wall and never spoke again!—Dundee Advertiser.

A Rich Woman's Closet.

"The nearest approach to a Bluebeard's closet that I ever saw," said a woman the other day, "was in the country house of one of New York's most fashionable women."

"I didn't know her, but in a queer, roundabout way I was once shown over the house and saw Mrs. V.'s private apartments. I pretty nearly fainted when I walked into a room where a dozen or more women were apparently hanging from the ceiling. "When I came to I found that what I had taken to be a choice collection of female corpses was really a lot of manikins. Mrs. V. had them made after her own measurements, and her choicest costumes were kept on them when not in use."

"Her maid would fasten a gown on to a mannikin, put something over it to keep the dust off and then by means of a rope and pulley draw the whole thing to the ceiling. It was a fine arrangement, but looked as if Bluebeard had been around."—New York Sun.

Born That Way.

There is perhaps no point on which the librarian and child disagree so entirely as that of the proper condition of the hands. A child whose hands were black with dirt solemnly stated, "I was born that way." Another declared that the doctor said "he must not wash his hands till the weather got warmer." Another whispered, "Teacher, that's the color of my skin." A boy who brought back a book with its cover soiled and greasy refused to pay the fine and finally brought his mother in to speak in his behalf. We had been very unjust and unkind to her boy, she said, "for he is very careful. He puts his book in the icebox, where the baby can't get it, and nothing but our food and Willie's books ever goes in that icebox."—Library Journal.

A Few Sufficed.

Sir James Crichton-Browne was sent on a mission to Jamaica in connection with the British colonial office. While at Kingston he had an encounter with a colored but very humble official. Sir James, a strenuous sanitarian and an ardent Scot, was keenly interested in the Scottish population of the island. "Do you have many Scotsmen in these parts?" he asked of the official. The darky thought for a moment and then answered, "Not many; just a few, but enough." Sir James collapsed.

A Diplomatic Tramp.

"Why don't you vamoose? I said so." "Ah, madam, a beautiful woman's no ottin' means yes."

He got the cold bite for which he was pleading, and it was even warmed over for him.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Great Art in Little.

"Is there really any art in conversing?" "Of course; always say small things in a big way and big things in a small way."—Minneapolis Journal.

Outstripped It.

"As I recall things, you once had a future before you," said the old friend. "Yes," replied the fate tossed man, "but you see, I lived so fast that I got ahead of it."

Human life is governed more by fortune than by reason.—Hume.

Mr. R. O. Colt, Dead.

Mr. R. O. Colt, a well-known resident of Charlotte, died in that city yesterday morning at 4 o'clock after a long illness. Mr. Colt was a native of New York State, a member of the noted family that originated the famous Colt pistol, and had been a resident of Charlotte for many years. The funeral will be conducted from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the home in ... services being conducted by Rev. E. L. Bain, assisted by Rev. Frank Siler.

BIG DEMAND FOR SPEAKERS.

Speakers' Bureau Organized at Democratic Headquarters—Editors Are for Bryan—Chairman Lloyd Previews a Democratic House—Mr. O'Sullivan Joins Union Printers.

By Thomas J. Pence.

There is an unprecedented demand for Democratic speakers in every section of the country in this campaign, according to J. W. Atwood, member of the National Committee, who is in charge of the speakers' bureau at the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Atwood only reached Chicago yesterday. It did not require any great length of time for the breezy Kansan to get things going. His is the last of the bureaus of Democratic Headquarters to begin operations, but he has perfected a thorough organization, and has scheduled dates for many of the star orators of the party in those States which the Democratic leaders consider fighting ground.

No section of the country will be neglected. Mr. Atwood emphasized the fact that the speakers' bureau will be just as busy in the Republican State of Pennsylvania as it will in other States throughout the country.

The speakers' bureau will be conducted from this city, though it is possible that branch quarters may be established in New York later on in the campaign. The volunteer speakers include most of the prominent men in the party, among whom is Judge Alton B. Parker, the nominee four years ago.

"I have been connected with a number of political campaigns," observed Mr. Atwood, "but the demand for speakers this year is something truly remarkable. Here I am confronted with hundreds of letters asking for speakers, and the campaign is hardly begun. This demand for Democratic argument and oratory is a revelation to me, and I think it carries its own significance.

"Another thing which has impressed me since I reached Chicago and tackled the mass of correspondence you see before me, is the willingness of leading Democratic speakers to do voluntary work in the campaign. Nearly a score of Democrats in the United States Senate have tendered us their services and volunteered to defray their own expenses. The same is true of members of the House. A large number of them have agreed to take the "stump," going wherever needed, and without cost to the committee. Party workers are prompted by a degree of patriotism this year that is refreshing and speaks well for our cause.

"You ask me about Mr. Bryan's chances in Kansas? Certainly, I think he will get the electoral vote. I have just returned from a trip across the State, part of which was covered in an auto, and I made it a point to talk to all kinds and conditions of people. Everywhere I stopped I encountered Republicans who will support Bryan and Kern. Many of them said they would cast their first Democratic vote this year. I fail to hear of a Democrat who will not vote the national ticket. The spirit of harmony prevails in the organization as it has not for years. This is true of all sections."

WALKING AROUND WORLD.

Plucky Austrian Who Wants to Win \$5,000. Baltimore American.

No Baltimorean could be expected to walk 13,000 miles and not feel tired. That is what Joseph Mikulec, an Austrian globe trotter, has done, however, and he boasts of the fact that he is not only the least bit weary, but hasn't a sign of a sore spot on either foot. Wearing medals showing the various countries through which he has passed, Joe strolled into the American building about nine o'clock last night, having just reeled off the last of the 13,000 miles without a hitch and showing not the slightest effects from his long tramp. Instead he looked as fresh as a green cucumber, and declared that he would continue walking at once but for the fact that he wanted to de a little sight-seeing in Baltimore.

The foreigner is a born walker, and is under contract to foot it around the world, and has been given five years in which to accomplish his task. He says it is easy money, as he has been walking a little over two years and six months and is one month or 600 miles ahead of the game.

Joe started from Austria, his birth-place, on February 5, 1906, and if he sets foot in his home city by the same date, 1911, there will be handed to him 25,000 crowns, or \$5,000 in our money.

So far the pedestrian has tramped through Italy, Africa, South America and several States in this country. For the first time he landed in America three months ago, and has taken little strolling trips through New York State, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Returning to New York City, he remained there for several days and started south. After leaving Gotham he made his way to Philadelphia, and from the Quaker City he walked to Baltimore. Mikulec will remain in this city until to-morrow, when he will shake the dust of the city's thoroughfares from his heels and foot it to Washington.

When he sees all that is to be seen in Washington, the Austrian will pedestrianize across the continent to San Francisco, and upon reaching the Pacific coast will take a steamer for Australia. Here he will walk from town to town, and his next stopping place will be Japan. In the Flowery Kingdom Joe will tell the Japanese that the war talk in America is all bosh and that Americans are their friends. He will then make his way to Port Arthur, thence to Russia. His stopping place in that country would be St. Petersburg. Upon catching his breath, he will push his way through Siberia and will return by way of Norway.

"Why, it's just like fishing for a living," said Joe last night. "I can win and rest too. I don't have to hurry. I just strike a good gait and keep it. Why, it's easy, and I'll sport when that \$5,000 is turned over to me."

Not since he left home has Joe experienced a day's sickness. Several times he has been a little short of funds, but he has always managed to replenish his pocket-book by a brisk sale of his picture.

North Carolinian a Leper. John Early, of Lynn, Polk county, N. C., is being kept in an isolated tent in the suburbs of Washington City, having been discovered by the health authorities to be suffering from a well-developed case of leprosy. Early supposes that he contracted the disease while serving as a soldier in the Philippines. No disposition has been made of his case so far.

On account of the high waters of the South Fork the Spencer Mountain power plant has been closed since yesterday. According to information received from there this afternoon the water is six feet deep in the power house and was still rising. Some apprehension has been felt as to the safety of the big dam at this point but advices from Manager Love this afternoon were to the effect that the dam so far seems to be all right.

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