

# \$127,170,059 IDLE MONEY

## Stickney Says New System of Banks Is Necessary in United States.

### COIN IN SUB-TREASURY

"Should Have Bank Good Enough for Government to Deposit Its Money In."

St. Paul, Nov. 6.—President A. B. Stickney, of the Chicago-Great Western Railway Company, in a published interview, advocates a national bank, in which the Government shall deposit its treasury funds. He said: "Official reports of the United States treasury show that on last Thursday, October 31, there was locked up in the sub-treasury, idle, useless, the enormous sum of \$127,170,059 actual cash, while banks in all the reserve cities in the United States had suspended cash payments and the movement of crops had stopped and laborers were compelled to accept checks for wages instead of cash, all for the want of currency, which want of currency the New York banks are trying to relieve by importing about \$50,000,000 gold or about one-quarter the amount held in the treasury idle and useless. Can any system of government banking be conceived which would produce a more absurd result? Let us have a national bank, which not only is good enough for the people to deposit money in, but good enough for the Government to deposit its money in."

#### Football Dance.

The Independent football team will give a dance at the pavilion in Simpson Park, North Bend, Saturday evening, November 9. Music furnished by Kaiser's Orchestra.

### BIG FLEET MAY GO ON AROUND WORLD

Report That Battleships Will Continue On Across the Pacific.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Admission is now made that it is possible that the Atlantic battleship fleet, or one of its divisions, now preparing for the cruise to the Pacific Coast, will make a voyage around the world. It has been suggested and the plans are understood to be favored by the President that the ships, after staying for a brief period on the coast, shall continue to the Asiatic station and thence back to the United States by way of the Suez Canal route. That would be the most notable naval cruise for many years, and the longest ever made by so many modern war vessels.

It is appreciated in the Navy Department that an official announcement of such an extension of the Pacific cruise will intensify the criticism which followed the announcement of the decision to send the battleships around the continent of South America as far as San Francisco.

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### THROWING DIRT AT PANAMA

Excavation for October Reaches a Total of 1,888,792 Cubit Yards.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The engineers of the Panama canal continue to increase the amount of excavation each month, according to a cablegram received today at the canal office from Chief Engineer Goethals, on the Isthmus. The total excavation for October reached the unprecedented figure of 1,888,729 cubit yards, as compared with 1,481,307 cubit yards for September. For the corresponding month of October, last year, the total excavation was 538,254 cubit yards.

#### Motorman Stabbed.

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—Motorman Michael Bouchillander, of the United Railroads, was stabbed through the lung at an early hour this morning by an unknown assassin, during a disturbance on Twenty-third street, and died at the emergency hospital. The police are looking for the assailant.

#### TODAY A HOLIDAY.

Albany, Nov. 6.—Governor Chamberlain, shortly after midnight, this (Thursday) morning, issued a holiday proclamation for today.

Communicated.

Dear Editor: The article entitled "Holidays Are a Nuisance," which appeared in Wednesday's issue of your valuable paper came to the writer's attention, and since he has recently had occasion to give the subject of holidays something more than a cursory examination and therefore feels that his opinion as to what can or can not be legally done on a holiday is entitled to some little consideration, he desires to present it to the public through your columns, as follows:

In the first place, it should be understood that holidays and Sundays are not synonymous as to their effect upon business transactions, Sunday being, primarily, at common law, a dies non juridicus, while holidays have only the sanctity attached to them by statute, and all business may be transacted on them except such as, by statute, expressly forbidden.

It is true that we have statutes regulating the observance of the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, or the Lord's day, and these statutes are far more general in their terms and requirements than are the statutes regulating the proper observance of holidays, and prohibit many transactions on said day that can be legally done and performed on a holiday.

Holiday statutes usually provide merely for the suspension of judicial proceedings, for the presentation and protest of commercial paper on the next secular day, and for the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors on certain holidays.

Inasmuch as it is the writer's understanding that all transactions not within the statutory prohibitions provided for any certain holiday can be carried on upon that holiday as upon any other day, he would give it as his opinion that the Oregon statutes can be relied upon to point out with precision the only acts that are legally prohibited by the holiday proclamations of His Excellency, the Governor, and that the execution and delivery of deeds and other instruments and indentures are not included in the statutory holiday proscription. Respectfully submitted by HARRY G. HOY.

### BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH FINANCIERS

Washington, Nov. 6.—While President Roosevelt does not admit that he has in any way contributed to the present financial situation, he has become convinced that he is a very important factor in it, so far as it may be improved, and the cause for irritation and excitement removed. That he is deeply concerned that the tendency to unsettle values does not go on is impressed on all who have discussed any phases of the matter with him.

One of the most hopeful signs is that there has been created already much better feeling and a fuller understanding between Roosevelt and the great financiers of the country. This is regarded here as the most substantial progress that has been made toward bettering things financially.

In the face of the great danger which was threatened week before last much of the President's resentment has died out, and there are evidences that he will do nothing to keep alive the turmoil and excitement.

### LIVES FAST LIFE ON FORCED CHECKS.

High Flyer, With Wife Living, Marries Actress Then Disappears.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 6.—The police were notified today that C. M. Berkeley, wanted by the police of this city, had been arrested in New Orleans on a charge of uttering worthless currency. Berkeley is said by the police to have lived at a rapid rate in this city during last September. He is accused of having issued worthless checks amounting to several hundred dollars, and of having gone through a ceremony of marriage with an actress while his wife was living in this city. He disappeared about a week after the alleged marriage.

#### Alliance Was Bar Bound.

Agent Shaw received word that the Alliance was bar bound at Astoria, and would leave that port yesterday morning if the weather permitted. In case the rough weather subsided the boat will be in this morning.

#### A New Barber Shop.

A new building, 14x14, is being erected on the C. A. Smith property on Broadway to accommodate a barber shop. It is situated at the north side of the driveway which leads into the warehouse.

### THE "MARSEILLAISE."

It Was Written by Rouget de Lisle in One Brief Hour.

On April 25, 1792, Rouget de Lisle, the military engineer, who had assumed the aristocratic prefix to become an officer, was a guest at a banquet given by Baron Dietrich, first mayor of Strassburg.

Patriotic excitement was at its height. "Marchons!" "Aux armes, citoyens!" were phrases on every lip. But as the champagne went round the ladies grew weary and pleaded for another topic. Patriotic songs? A hymn for the army of the Rhine? Something better than the jingling "Ca ira!" The host first suggested a public competition and a prize. Then he turned to Rouget de Lisle and asked him to "compose a noble song for the French people."

Rouget de Lisle tried to excuse himself. Again the champagne passed round, and just as the party broke up a fellow officer about to quit Strassburg next day begged De Lisle for a copy of his forthcoming song.

"I make the promise on behalf of your comrade," Dietrich replied.

Rouget de Lisle reached his lodging close by, but not to sleep. His violin lay on the table. Taking it up, he struck a few chords. Soon a melody seemed to grow under his fingers. No sooner had he put down the notes than he dashed off the words.

Thus having in a brief hour secured for himself an undying name he threw himself upon his bed and slumbered heavily.—Reader Magazine.

### STAMMERING.

Caused More Often by Habit Than by Defective Vocal Organs.

"Stammering is often more the result of habit than from any defect of the vocal organs," says an authority. "It is generally, if not always, caused by a spasm of the larynx, resulting from nervous contraction of the organs, thus refusing to permit a proper flow of the air current producing tone. People rarely or never stammer when singing, for then the attention is divided between words and music, the nervousness is momentarily forgotten and the passage of the air current through the larynx is continuous and unobstructed.

"Stammering very often is the result of imitation, sometimes intentional, sometimes unconscious, and the affliction is much more general than might be supposed. In one comparatively small section of the city there are thirty-five stammerers, and every one of them is able to demonstrate to his own satisfaction not only that he does not stammer very badly, but that some other person he knows stammers a great deal worse than himself. Every stammerer is intensely sensitive about his infirmity, rarely forgives and never does forget any allusion to it which in his mind savors of ridicule."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Comedy in a Back Street.

About 10 o'clock one morning two men met and began threatening and calling each other names. One finally called the other a liar, and the two men were about to grapple when a woman opened the door and said, "Gentlemen, are you about to fight?" "We are!" they answered together.

Then have the kindness to wait a moment," she continued. "My husband has been sick for weeks and is now just able to sit up. He is very downhearted this morning, and if you'll only wait till I can draw him up to the window I know he'll be very grateful to both of you."

She disappeared into the house, and after one look into each other's face the men smiled, shook hands and departed together.—London Telegraph.

#### An Up Stroke.

Sometimes lightning strikes up instead of down, if we are to believe a story told many years ago of a party of men standing on the porch of a church far up on the side of a lofty mountain in Styria. They were looking down into the valley below, where a great electrical storm was raging, and with the sun shining upon them at their altitude, were enraptured by the strange sensation. Suddenly a bolt came up from the valley and killed seven of the party.—Circle.

#### Going and Coming.

"What's that noise?" asked the visitor in the apartment house. "Probably some one in the dentist's rooms on the floor below getting a tooth out," said his host.

"But it seems to come from the floor above."

"Ah! Then it's probably the Popleys' baby getting a tooth in."—Philadelphia Press.

#### The Tramp's Excuse.

Benevolent Man (who has given a tramp some work) — You're working slowly, my man. Tramp — I'm trying to spin it out. Who knows when I shall get any more?—Meggendorfer Matter.

#### The Soft Answer.

"Father, do all angels have wings?" "No, my son, your mother has none." And then she said sweetly that he might go to the club if he wouldn't stay late.—Atlanta Constitution.

#### Modest.

"Did he ask her father for her hand in marriage?" "No. He needed \$10, and he didn't want to ask for too much at once."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### He Had Hopes.

Young lady (owner of great estates)—As far as the eye can reach, all the land belongs to me. Admirer (respectfully)—I hope you are not shortsighted.—Stray Stories.

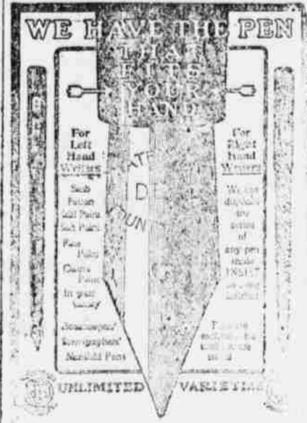
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Chicago, Nov. 5.—Miss Ella McLean, the confessed "thief" who stole copies of state letters from the office of United States Attorney Sims collapsed in the county jail tonight. Her condition required medical attention. The cause of the breakdown was the information suddenly told her that Alexander Gordee, her admirer and alleged accomplice, had betrayed her. The statement was a ruse to obtain a further confession. It failed.

Despite her nervous prostration Miss McLean refused to make any disclosures. Government detectives have unearthed evidence which they declare will involve some of Chicago's most prominent citizens.

The names of seven attorneys, several of whom have national fame, have been connected with the case. If Miss McLean continues to protect the powerful persons thought to be conspirators in the case, the government will demand that the beautiful young woman be fined \$10,000 and sent to the penitentiary seven years. The same penalty will be asked for Gordee. The December grand jury will investigate the case.

### FIRST WIRELESS OF PRIZE FIGHT NEWS.

San Francisco, Nov. 6.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's new steamer Governor, which arrived late last night from Victoria and Seattle, possesses the distinction of being the first ship to secure a wireless bulletin of a prize fight by rounds. The Governor received a regular bulletin service on the Johnson-Flynn fight.

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