

# UTAH CASH STOLEN

### State Treasurer Christiansen Returns \$70,628 State Money.

## CONFESSES, THEN GOES TO JAIL

#### Appropriates Two Large Tax Payments to Carry Through Nevada Mining Scheme.

Salt Lake City, March 13.—A shortage of \$70,628.34 in the funds of the state, discovered less than a week ago, has been repaid to the last penny and James Christiansen, ex-state treasurer, admitting the defalcation, is awaiting a settlement with the criminal law in the county jail. Restitution was made by his bondsmen, after the delinquent official had turned over to them all his mining holdings and his wife had mortgaged her home to swell the amount of the security. The bondsmen say they will lose but little.

Christiansen has retained ex-Congressman W. H. King and brother as counsel. The attorneys say that they will demand a speedy hearing, but refuse to outline their future course.

Although he has admitted the appropriation of the state's money and there is evidence of a clumsy attempt to hide the deficit by falsification of the books of his former office, Christiansen receives more sympathy than condemnation. "He is the victim of his friends," is the comment of those who know most of his personal affairs. It is related that supposed friends interested him in certain mining enterprises, principally in Nevada, and when funds ran low, appealed to him with every form of argument and art of persuasion to save their undertakings from ruin by raising the sum needed to put them on a paying basis.

The investigation disclosed that Christiansen on May 26, 1908, had taken \$10,628.94, which was paid by Mrs. Julia A. Kimball as an inheritance tax. On January 4 of the present year County Treasurer John Groesbeck paid Christiansen \$60,000, a portion of the county taxes due the state. For both of these amounts, Christiansen gave receipts from the back of his receipt books. The discovery of a shortage came when the county treasurer paid the balance of the county taxes to Christiansen's successor. The formal examination of the books of the office began and the disclosures were made.

### CRISIS IN FRANCE.

#### Huge Deficit and Scandals Promise to Upset Cabinet.

Paris, March 13.—France, like the United States, is confronted with a big deficit in her revenues. The budget of 1909 necessitated the issue of \$12,000,000 in treasury bonds, while the regular estimates for 1910 show a deficit of \$45,600,000. The situation complicates the proposal to revise the French tariff, and it already has precipitated a quarrel between M. Caillaux, minister of finance, and M. Picard, minister of marine, over the insistence of the latter on large credits to restore the efficiency of naval material.

Scandalous corruption in the matter of contracts revealed lately by M. Picard has startled the country, and the minister of marine has practically refused to continue in office unless he is granted sufficient funds to put the navy in first class order.

It has been learned that a regular monopoly existed among the navy contractors, who charged exorbitant prices and made enormous profits. M. Brousse, a member of the chamber of deputies, who investigated the navy accounts in behalf of the finance committee, reports that millions have been swallowed up without any benefit to the navy. In one case boilers costing \$150,000 were purchased for ships that were put out of commission before the boilers were furnished.

### Powers Uneasy on Serbia.

Berlin, March 13.—The latest Serbian note, in which that country sets forth that she does not desire to provoke war with Austria-Hungary, but maintains that the question of annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina should be regulated by the powers, was delivered at the foreign office here today. Serbia's renunciation of territorial compensation is regarded officially as a peaceful sign. The fact remains, however, that Serbia's military preparations are being continued, and are causing counter preparation on the part of Austria-Hungary.

### Shortage in Wheat.

Stockton, Cal., March 13.—The scarcity of milling wheat has increased prices to a point where buyers refuse to purchase any grain. Heretofore when wheat or barley reached a high point there has been sufficient to meet all demands, but now there is not enough good milling grain in the city to supply any mill for many days, and the holders will not sell unless they get far more than the price based on quotations at other cities.

### Foot of Snow in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 13.—A foot of snow, accompanied by a high wind, has fallen in Western Nebraska and Wyoming during the last 48 hours. Stock is suffering severely in some portions of Wyoming.

## GOVERNMENT AT THE FAIR.

### Large Sum Expended to Make Exhibit Most Complete Yet Shown.

Uncle Sam is taking a larger interest in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which opens in Seattle on June 1, than in any other exposition ever held.

At the World's fair in St. Louis the United States government exhibit covered an area of 126,496 square feet. At the Lewis and Clarke exposition in Portland it covered 75,364 square feet. At the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition the government buildings cover an area of 137,390 square feet and there are five of these magnificent exhibit palaces.

Here are some of the things the government will have done by the day the exposition is thrown open to the world: Expended \$250,000 for exhibit buildings; \$200,000 for general government exhibits; \$100,000 for Alaska's exhibit; \$25,000 for the Philippine exhibit; \$25,000 for the Hawaiian exhibit (Hawaii has raised \$25,000 additional); provided historical exhibit from national museum; provided exhibit showing principal administrative functions of the government and their educational value in connection with the development of commerce in the countries bordering on the Pacific ocean; expended \$50,000 for War department exhibits.

Features of the government's exhibit will be:

- Life saving station, fully equipped, daily demonstrations; native bands from Hawaii and Alaska; celebrated Philippine constabulary band which won the world's championship at the St. Louis World's fair; one or more dirigible balloons; complete mint and assay office in constant operation; revenue cutter service and marine hospital service exhibits; plate printer experts from bureau of printing and engraving will make genuine bank notes daily; data affecting commerce and labor from department of commerce and labor; entire museum of the United States postoffice department; state and judicial documents relative to the early organization of the government from the departments of state and justice; models of all battleships and cruisers, the dry dock Dewey, guns and ordnance equipment; models of every type of gun made for the navy since the organization; relics of the ill-fated Maine and Dewey's entrance into Manila harbor; biggest battleships in the navy will be stationed in Seattle harbor during exposition; biograph show, free daily, showing army and navy in action and government operations of every kind.

Not less than 100 freight cars will be required to carry the government's exhibits from the national capital to Seattle.

### ROSEWOOD BED NETS \$11.

#### Auction of Executive Mansion Furniture Brings Total of \$400.

Albany, N. Y., March 15.—Levi P. Morton's rosewood bed sold for \$11, and Benjamin B. Odell's revolving bookcase went begging at 15 cents at an auction of discarded furniture from the executive mansion today.

A settee, which for many years was one of the conspicuous adornments of the reception room, and which has probably been sat upon by every prominent Republican state leader for 50 years back, went to a second hand dealer for \$8.

The state of New York was vendee, and the \$400 realized will go into the state treasury. It is the first auction of executive mansion furniture ever held, and while much of the stuff was of solid rosewood, worth far more than the prices paid, the net sum realized was more than had been expected. The lowest price was 5 cents, for which sum a job lot of Levi P. Morton's pictures was handed over to a veteran state employe who owed his appointment to Morton when governor.

### IMMIGRATION INCREASES.

#### Thousands of Aliens Flocking Back to United States.

New York, March 15.—More than 25,000 immigrants are expected at this port this week, which is considered a good sign of returning prosperity. Twenty-six trans-Atlantic liners will arrive from various European ports, bringing back old working hordes, which, when work was slack, went abroad for economy's sake. Various steamship offices in this city report that bookings at European offices—especially for the steerage—are nearly filled up to May 1. Steamship officials say that the number of immigrants during the coming eight months will probably exceed any previous record in the same time. The inclination of aliens who went abroad to return to America was first seen last month, when in one week 12,000 came in through Ellis island.

### Cuba to Plead for Reciprocity.

Havana, March 15.—A bill was introduced in congress today providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 to pay the expenses of a commission to go to Washington to fight for a renewal of the reciprocity agreement. Cuba will not fight for special favors in the new tariff bill, which the special session of the American congress will frame, but will confine her efforts to securing trade concessions and tariff reductions through treaties.

### Stampede to Gold Strike.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 15.—A rich gold strike is reported here from the neighborhood of Bouse, five miles north of Vicksburg. Owners of a group of mines there made the strike and it is reported that assays show values as high as \$1,000 a ton. There is a great rush of prospectors to the vicinity.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Tuesday, March 16.

Washington, March 16.—The reading of the president's message to congress in favor of revising the tariff was the chief business before the senate today. The message received careful attention. The senate adjourned to next Friday.

Washington, March 16.—The house ways and means committee, having anticipated Mr. Taft's recommendation of promptness, has prepared a bill which will be submitted to the house tomorrow. It would have been reported today but for the addition of Cushman, of Washington, to the committee. In order to secure his approval and thus secure party unanimity, the Republican members of the committee held a special meeting and submitted the bill to him. They made several changes and ordered it reprinted ready for submission to the house early tomorrow.

Monday, March 15.

Washington, March 15.—The senate session today was brief, the chief business being the reading of the president's proclamation calling an extra session of congress and the appointment of a committee formally to notify the president that the senate was ready to receive any messages. Senator Stephenson was sworn in.

Washington, March 15.—After one of the stormiest sessions in its history, the house of representatives today, regardless of party alignment, adopted by a vote of 211 to 172 a resolution by Fitzgerald, Dem., New York, whereby the rules were amended in several important particulars. Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected speaker.

The insurgents did not win the complete victory they counted on, but succeeded in bringing about an exceedingly lively session and obliged the majority to adopt the Fitzgerald resolution, which is in the nature of a compromise.

### McKINLEY MURDER COSTLY.

#### Government Makes Public Expenditures in Effort to Save Life.

Washington, March 12.—After carefully guarding for more than seven years the facts as to the government's expenditures incident to the last illness and burial of President McKinley, the treasury officials made a statement today covering the expenditure under the appropriation of \$45,000 for this purpose, made by congress on July 1, 1902. The physicians were paid as follows:

- Dr. M. D. Mann, \$10,000; Dr. H. Mynto, \$6,000; Dr. C. McBurney, \$5,000; Dr. Roswell Parks, \$5,000; Dr. C. G. Stockton, \$1,500; Dr. F. G. Janeway, \$1,500; Dr. H. G. Marzinger, \$750; Drs. W. W. Johnson, E. W. Lee and H. R. Gaylord, \$500 each; Dr. N. W. Wilson, \$250; Dr. G. McR. Hall and Dr. E. C. Mann, \$200 each.

Three firms of undertakers divided \$4,491.30 among them. Two nurses were paid \$500 each; a third was paid \$400 and another \$200.

### Logan Not Badly Damaged.

Washington, March 17.—A brief dispatch received at the War department today regarding the condition of the transport Logan in Honolulu harbor, says the accident was the fault of the pilot, and that no damage was done to the vessel. The Logan was in charge of a pilot, and a civilian being thus in command, no responsibility attaches to army officers. The accident will be investigated by a board of army officers and a report made to the War department.

### Must Use True Names.

Washington, March 17.—As many packers put up "humpback" and "dog" salmon under fancy names and sell them to consumers who believe them to be superior varieties, the Department of Agriculture today ordered that these fish, when canned, be labelled with their common names. The decision also says that the fish commonly known as lake herring and cisco should be so called and not designated "white fish."

### Mitchell to Leave Army.

Washington, March 16.—First Lieutenant Hiram E. Mitchell, son of the late Senator John H. Mitchell, today telegraphed his resignation from Denver to the War department, asking immediate acceptance. Friends of Mitchell are asking the department to accept it at once. His reason for desiring to relinquish his commission are not given out. The department is naturally disinclined to accept without knowing more about the case.

### Wilson Refuses to Change.

Washington, March 16.—A movement is on foot to induce Secretary Wilson to modify or reverse his recent decision that flour bleached by nitrogenous peroxide is an adulterated product under the food and drugs act. Hundreds of letters are being received daily by the secretary asking him to refer his ruling to the referee board of scientific experts for decision. The secretary will stand by his ruling.

### Fruit for Alaska Judge.

Washington, March 12.—Senator Heyburn today urged the president to appoint ex-Judge Warren Truitt, of Moscow, Idaho, to the new Federal judgeship created in Alaska. Under the law this appointment cannot be made before July 1. Senator Borah is favorable to Mr. Truitt's appointment. Mr. Truitt was Federal judge in Alaska for many years.

### TAFT NEEDS CASH.

#### May Not Make Trip to Coast Unless Congress Provides.

Washington, March 13.—According to a member of the cabinet, the president's decision to make the trip to the Pacific coast next summer after the adjournment of congress, will depend largely on whether congress makes him an appropriation for traveling expenses. He said:

"It was intended to make the president's salary \$100,000, but congress put it at \$75,000 and cut off his traveling expenses."

"Congress will not be in regular session again until next December," remarked the interviewer.

"That's so," was the reply, "but congress could take up the question of allowing him money for traveling at a special session. Unless it does allow for traveling expenses, I do not think the president will go to the coast. It is the president's desire to travel a great deal and see as much of the United States as he can. I think, however, that the country ought to foot the bills for all the traveling that he does in his official capacity."

### PLAN NEW RIFLE MATCHES.

#### Two New Events to Be Added to Annual American Contest.

Washington, March 11.—Arrangements were perfected today with the Ohio authorities for holding the annual matches of the National Rifle association of America on the Camp Perry range, immediately following the national matches about August 27. The new matches were added to the program, one for annual members and one for individual rapid fire. The executive committee at its meeting also accepted the offer of Colonel John Jacob Astor of a trophy for the interscholastic indoor championship match, the trophy to be kept in competition 20 years and then given to the school winning it the most times.

Fifteen universities and colleges have entered in the intercollegiate indoor athletic match to be held March 15 to 27 and about 20 school teams have entered in the interscholastic indoor championship match in April.

### Secretary Meyer to Tour Coast.

Washington, March 17.—For the purpose of inspecting the navy yards of the Pacific coast and looking into naval conditions generally in the West, secretary Meyer informally announced today that he was making plans for a visit to the Pacific slope. It is understood that he will visit Mare island and Bremerton and may also go on to San Diego to inspect the proposed site for a naval station, though congress recently refused to appropriate money for a survey for a navy yard.

The secretary will visit the Union Iron works at San Francisco, and the Moran works at Seattle, to inspect their facilities for government construction work.

### Resigns From Land Office.

Washington, March 13.—Representative Ellis has placed in the hands of Secretary Ballinger the resignation of A. A. Roberts, receiver of the La Grande land office, and it was immediately accepted. Mr. Roberts' resignation was voluntary. The investigation that had been under way for three months disclosed that the books of the office were in bad shape, but there was no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Roberts, though his administrative methods had been lax. It is expected that his successor will be appointed soon after congress convenes.

### Promises No Delay.

Washington, March 11.—Secretary Ballinger said today there would be no undue delay in passing upon the application of the Harriman railroad for a right of way through the Deschutes canyon. He has called upon the land office and reclamation service to prepare for him a full report of all facts and when the statements are ready he will give them thorough and prompt consideration and act as he believes the facts justify. Engineer Schleck, who is now at Deschutes making an investigation, will be expected to report at the earliest practicable moment.

### Will Build Up Army.

Washington, March 11.—General Jacob M. Dickinson, secretary of war, today announced that the principal object towards which he would bend his energies during his administration would be the enlargement of the army of the United States. The war secretary said he had as yet no plan to announce for this purpose but he considered as one of the most important steps the increased efficiency and size of the states' national guard.

### No Change in Wool Duties.

Washington, March 11.—It is currently reported that the ways and means committee has decided to make no change in the present duty on wool, though a material reduction will be made in the duty on woolen manufacturers. It is also reported that the present duty on shingles, 30 cents per thousand, will stand unchanged.

### Nicaragua Must Be Good.

Washington, March 12.—The cruisers Colorado and South Dakota have arrived at Corinto, Nicaragua. Their presence is a tacit warning by the United States that the peace of Central America must not be disturbed.

## SMALL HOPE IN TENNESSEE.

### Remaining Standard Cases Desperate—Rebate Law About Dead.

Washington, March 12.—The officials of the department of justice today again declined to discuss what further action would be taken by the government with respect to the several other criminal cases against the Standard Oil company for accepting rebates now pending in the courts for the Northern District of Illinois. It is understood, however, that Messrs. Wilkerson and Sims, the government attorneys, will come to Washington within the next few days for a conference with Attorney General Wickham, when it is presumed a course of action will be decided on.

The decision of the court in the \$29,240,000 fine case leaves still pending in the Chicago district court three double cases, in which two separate grand juries have found indictments. These three double cases are understood to be similar, if not identical, with the case decided yesterday.

Consideration already has been given by government counsel to the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company, which shortly is to come to trial at Jackson, Tenn.

The indictment in that case contains 1,500 counts, the specific charges being that the Standard shipped from Whiting, Ind., to various points in the South 1,500 or more carloads of oil on which concessions in rates were made by the railroads.

The decision of the Circuit court at Chicago is not binding as a matter of law on the Tennessee judge, who may try the case, as he is not in the same circuit, but it is considered likely that he may follow the Chicago court so far as the two cases have similarity. The Tennessee case probably will be heard by Judge John E. McCall, of the western district of Tennessee.

### WIRELESS TELLS OF WOE.

#### Atlantic Stations Pick Up Fragments of Appeal for Help From Sea.

Boston, March 12.—Another sea tragedy has been revealed to naval operators at the government wireless stations at Charleston navy yard and Newport by fragmentary messages received through the ether. Whether the breaks in the message are caused by the distress on board the vessel sending them or not is not known. Not enough has been received at either station to locate or identify the craft in trouble.

"In distress, notify life-saving stations—west—south—east—," is the way the message was read at Newport.

Another wireless station picked up fragments of a message about the same time which were in effect that a vessel was drifting in distress off the New Jersey coast. The word "Trainer" was among other unconnected words received and this led to the supposition that the message might have referred to the schooner "Ann B. Trainer," which was reported early in the week as drifting without masts off the Virginia coast.

### BRITAIN GAINS TERRITORY.

#### Siam Cedes 15,000 Square Miles Under Industrial Treaty.

London, March 12.—Fifteen thousand square miles of territory has been added to the British empire by the treaty signed yesterday at Bangkok, Siam, under the terms of which Siam cedes to Great Britain the states of Kalantan, Tring and Kedah, which hereafter will be administered with the Malay Federated states. Under the treaty British capital to the extent of \$20,000,000, will be furnished for the construction of railroads south from Bangkok. These lines are to be controlled by a new department quite distinct from the present railroad administration of Siam, which is administered by Germans. There will be also a gradual abolition of British extra territorial rights in Siam.

### Death Harvest in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Ten persons were killed in the tornado that swept across Alabama and Georgia last night. The storm plowed two miles of timber and farms near Cumming, Ga., and destroyed much property. Cuthbert, Ga., reported the damage at \$500,000. Nearly half the main business block was damaged. Homeless persons wandered through the town searching for household goods which the wind had scattered.

### Life Saves by Wireless.

Eureka, Cal., March 12.—The oil steamer Asuncion, Captain George E. Bridgett, en route from San Francisco to Portland, hove to 100 miles north of here this afternoon and notified the Fort Humboldt wireless station that a sailor had fallen from the rigging to the deck. The message stated that his injuries had resulted in severe internal hemorrhages, and medical advice was asked for and was promptly given.

### Again on Visiting Terms.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—News was brought by the steamer Sueric, which reached port today, that Japan was preparing to receive the first Russian warships to reach Japan since the war. They are the Korietz and Glyak, new vessels named after two of the same name sunk during the war, and had come from Russia, to be followed shortly by the new cruiser Pavel III, Dzibuti and another battleship.

### Death List Now 35.

Brinkley, Ark., March 12.—Thirty-five persons were killed by the tornado here and more than 200 injured, according to a statement issued tonight by Mayor Jackson. An appeal for outside aid for the homeless was made by the mayor.

# OCTOPUS ACQUITTED

### Charge of Receiving Rebates Not Proven by Government.

## ATTORNEYS ARE DISHEARTENED

#### Jury Acquits by Order of Judge—Decision of Appeal Court Makes Conviction Impossible.

Chicago, March 10.—"Not guilty."

This is the result reached yesterday in the government's famous suit against the Standard Oil company of Indiana. The suit wherein the defendant company at one time faced a fine of \$29,240,000 at the hands of Judge Landis on a charge of having accepted rebates from the Chicago & Alton railroad, came to an end abruptly. Judge Anderson, before whom the case was brought after reversal by the United States Court of Appeals, instructed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty.

Judge Anderson's decision was not altogether unlooked for, he having previously announced that the proof relied upon at the first trial was incompetent and it was with something of an air of hopelessness that District Attorney Sims and his assistants attempted to show the admissibility of the Illinois classification to prove the existence of a legal rate of 18 cents. This was a vital point in the government contention. Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson admitted that the prosecution could not supply the proof deemed necessary and suggested dismissal. John S. Miller then moved for an instruction verdict of not guilty. This was ordered.

As to whether prosecution on seven other indictments still pending against the company will be instituted, Mr. Sims would not express an opinion, stating that this rested entirely with the attorney general.

### WOOL STORAGE HOUSE.

#### Growers Form Company and Start Building at Chicago.

Chicago, March 11.—The election of officers of the Warehouse & Storage company, and the laying of the corner stone of an immense warehouse, which, when completed, will accommodate 25,000,000 pounds of wool, were two steps taken today in a movement to make this city the wool center of the world. J. E. Cosgriff, of Rawlins, Wyo., was chosen president; A. G. Leonard, Chicago, vice president; R. R. Thompson, Chicago, secretary and treasurer. The building will occupy nearly two acres of ground. It will likely be ready for occupancy May 15, in ample time to take care of this year's clip of wool. It is proposed to store at least 25,000,000 pounds of wool each season, and arrangements are under way to increase the amount to 50,000,000 the second year.

### NEW STOCK-RAISING PLANT.

#### Hybrid Alfalfa Likely to Be a Great Success.

LaCrosse, Wis., March 11.—With three varieties of Siberian alfalfa, a clover which grows north of the Arctic circle, and some 300 other varieties of seeds suitable to the semi-arid region of the West, Professor Niels Ebbesen Hansen, chief plant explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture, has returned from a nine months' trip in lands rarely visited by an American. It was Professor Hansen's third trip to Northern Siberia and his fourth to the highest latitudes of European Russia. He intends to combine the best elements of alfalfa of four continents and of all climates in a plant which will withstand the coldest weather and which will, it is claimed, make this country the greatest producer of beef and mutton in the world.

### Trouble for Castro.

Caracas, Venezuela, March 8, via Willemstad, March 10.—The French government has sent a cable message to Senor Lorena, the Brazilian minister here, who is caring for French interests, announcing the approaching departure from France for Venezuela, of ex-President Castro, and asking what action Venezuela would take in case he attempted to land. Senor Lorena replied that inasmuch as Castro had been criminally indicted in Venezuela on a charge of conspiring against the life of President Gomez, he would be arrested.

### Russian Rule at Harbin.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The proposed inter-ministerial conference on the situation at Harbin, Manchuria, due to the efforts of the local Russian authorities to control municipal government, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the illness of Premier Stolypin. A dispatch received today from General Horvath says that a number of Chinese merchants in Harbin have yielded to pressure and agreed to pay taxes to the Russians.

### Aboriginal Giant Found.

San Pedro, Cal., March 11.—The skeleton of an Indian was unearthed at Whites point today by men operating a street grading machine. It was that of a man of unusual stature, with abnormally large head and thickness of skull, and gave evidence of having been buried many years.