

CONFERENCE ENDS; STRIKE IS CERTAIN

San Francisco, Sept. 1.—(3:20 p. m.)—Conferences between Kruttschnitt and the five union leaders came to an abrupt end after three o'clock this afternoon. If the announced decision of the disgruntled machinists is carried out there will be a strike all over the western states within a few days. The conference was a failure, but because of the lateness of the adjournment nothing was announced as to the date of the walkout. It is presumed the orders will be sent out within a few hours.

San Francisco, Sept. 1.—Julius Kruttschnitt, dictator of the policy and terms of employment of 30,000 Harriman men west of the Mississippi met the general officers of the shop employes crafts' unions here shortly before noon today. President Kline, of the Blacksmiths' International union, spoke for the men.

The outcome of the conference is being carefully watched throughout the country as it is believed the company must either come to terms or stand a strike entailing a possible tie-up of all the Harriman rolling stock and heavy troubles and expense for the company and suffering for the operators that will result.

Before the conference Kline expressed his opinion that Kruttschnitt might recognize the system federation. The men have voted to strike if he does not.

Seventy-five train auditors on the Pacific system of the Espee and 25 clerks in San Francisco were temporarily left out of jobs today.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—On the outcome of the conference today between the shopmen and Julius Kruttschnitt in San Francisco, probably depends whether there will be peace or war between the men and the Illinois Central, which has refused to deal with the shopmen's federation. If Kruttschnitt does the same it will establish a precedent for other roads to follow and a strike will probably spread to all western lines.

NEW ATTACK ON TAFT LAUNCHED

LA FOLLETTE PENS CHARGES AGAINST PRESIDENT.

President's Tariff Policies Subjected to Criticisms Again.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 1.—Senator La Follette in his magazine today under the caption "Taft's Blow to the Consumer," launches a new attack on Taft's tariff action.

Addressing his letter direct to the consumer he says: "You chastened the congress that played you false in 1909; you rebuked in more ways than one, the president who called the Aldrich job the best tariff ever devised. But what will you say when your representatives pass a bill taking from your shoulders the burdens of the wool trust duties—which Taft admitted were indefensible—only to be foisted in their effort to do something for you, by the president's veto."

COLOR LINE BOTHERS.

American Bar Association Comes to Grief Over Negro Question.

Boston, Sept. 1.—The color line is threatening to temporarily disrupt the American Bar association, convening here, because Special Assistant Attorney General Wm. Lewis, a negro, announced he positively will not resign. Southern barristers did not attend the banquet last night because they feared Lewis would be there. They insist today that Lewis will resign if he is not looking for trouble.

Mr. Borden's Maritime Tour.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—Mr. Robert L. Borden, the leader in the fight to defeat the Laurier government on the reciprocity issue, concluded his Quebec campaign today. As all of his meetings he has been greeted with large crowds and he expresses himself as satisfied with the outlook in this province. Tomorrow Mr. Borden will begin his tour of speechmaking in the Maritime provinces. After spending three days each in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island he will make a tour of the principal cities and towns of Nova Scotia.

SEND MAIL ON FAST FREIGHTS

CERTAIN CLASSES TO BE CARRIED ON FREIGHT TRAINS.

Hitchcock Commences Experiment at Washington Today.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1.—The Post Office department today begins an experiment which is regarded as one of the most important steps taken by Postmaster General Hitchcock in his plans to reduce the expense of the service and thereby pave the way, it is believed, for the ultimate adoption of penny postage.

The plan inaugurated today provides that the greater part of the second class mail matter consisting of magazines and periodicals, heretofore transported in railway mail cars, will be carried by fast freight. The publishers are to be permitted to print on the wrapper of each bundle of their publications, as a part of the address, instruction as to the date of which delivery is to be made. In accordance with this arrangement postmasters have been directed to carry out instructions with respect to delivery of fast mail freight. Mr. Hitchcock believes that the new system will be found satisfactory to the publishers and the public alike, while the expense to the government will be far less than before.

Parole Seen for Walsh.

Leavenworth, Kas., Sept. 1.—When the parole board meets at the federal penitentiary here this month the first case considered will be that of John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker. Mr. Walsh entered the penitentiary January 19, 1910, convicted of having violated the banking laws. Recently President Taft refused to grant him a parole, but it is now believed that he will be paroled when the board meets.

At the direction of Attorney General Wickersham the outstanding indictments against Walsh have been quashed, thus removing the last obstacle in the way of paroling the prisoner. Mr. Walsh this week entered upon his seventy-fifth year and is one of the oldest inmates of the federal prison.

Lake Forest Horse Show.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—Chicago society is looking forward with keen interest to the 12th annual Lake Forest open-air horse show, which is to be held tomorrow on the grounds of the Onwentsja club. The exhibition this year promises to be more interesting than any of its predecessors. Polo ponies, saddles, coach and driving horses are among the different classes to be exhibited.

BEATTIE SAID TO HAVE WEPT ALASKA DRAWS INVESTIGATORS

DEFENSE SCORES SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS TODAY

PAUL BEATTIE'S TESTIMONY CONTRADICTED BY MANY

Character of Witnesses for Defense Held up as a Model—Husband of Murdered Woman Said to Have Sobbed When Crime Was Committed—Defendant Will Tell Whole Truth.

Chesterfield, Sept. 1.—Evidence tending to prove beyond a question of doubt that Paul Beattie's stories were "fakes" and that Henry Beattie, Jr., sobbed and sorrowed on the night of the tragedy enlivened the trial of the young banker today. The defense scored several important points, especially in breaking down the damaging evidence produced by the state through Paul Beattie, the defendant's cousin.

Character Testimony Given.

A number of character witnesses testified to the reputation of young Nebbit whose testimony contradicted Paul Beattie's. Douglas Beattie, Henry's brother, was called next and said Beattie's wife always seemed loving and that on the night of the tragedy Beattie sobbed and showed all evidence of sorrow.

Defendant Expresses Confidence.

Scrupulously attired preparatory to taking the stand in his own defense Henry Beattie today voiced his opinion that his testimony would go far toward convincing the jury of his innocence. "I shall tell only the truth for I am certain the truth will clear me," he said.

Descendants of Samuel Fogg

Portland, Me., Sept. 1.—Members of the Fogg family association held their annual reunion today at the Palmyra House in this city. George Fogg Osgood, of New Hampshire, presided. Samuel Fogg, the progenitor of the family lived in New Hampshire in the middle of the 17th century, and his descendants are now widely scattered throughout the country.

Fights Scheduled for Tonight.

Jimmy Clabby vs. Mike Gibbons, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee.
Mickey Sheridan vs. Freddie Daniels, 15 rounds, at St. Joseph, Mo.
Johnny Glover vs. Young McDonough, 15 rounds, at Manchester, N. H.

GOMPERS APPEALS TO PORTLAND LABOR TO AID THE M'NAMARAS

Portland, Sept. 1.—Samuel Gompers left this afternoon for California. Last night in his speech at the auditorium he attacked Burns and accused him of manufacturing evidence against the McNamaras and called on organized labor to come to the McNamara defense. He said "The Manufacturers' association found they could not bribe John McNamara so now they propose to hang him."

Burns Silenced at Seattle.

Seattle, Sept. 1.—Detective Burns,

ALASKA DRAWS INVESTIGATORS

POINDEXTER AND GIFFORD PINCHOT ON WAY.

PINCHOT WILL "NOT BE BIASED IN HIS FINAL FINDINGS"

Material to Base Campaign on for Coming Winter by Insurgent Senator Will Be Gathered—Believed Men Will Urge Government Mining and Selling of Alaska Coal Products.

Seattle, Sept. 1.—Senator Poindexter, who leaves with Pinchot tonight for Alaska, said he intends to investigate the coal situation first and then make a fight for his bill providing that the government shall mine and sell its coal, if he thinks he is right.

PINCHOT JOINS POINDEXTER.

Says He Will Go to Alaska Without Prejudice for Any System.

Seattle, Sept. 1.—Gifford Pinchot today stated that he will sail for the Alaska coalfields tonight with Senator Poindexter. He said he would go with an open mind for conviction as to whether the leasing system or the proposition to have the government mine and sell the coal, was the best. He has favored the leasing system.

They will map out a plan of campaign in congress for next winter after their return a month hence.

Coming Excite Interest.

Seward, Alaska, Sept. 1.—Alaska is intensely interested in the coming visit of Senator Poindexter and Gifford Pinchot, who will sail soon for the Alaskan coal fields from Seattle. Some towns that formerly denounced the former chief forester are waiting now to give a rancid hearing to Pinchot's conservation ideas. They are especially interested in the campaign for government ownership of mines, railroads and steamships, which was started in Oregon. Many business men here prefer this plan to the leasing system.

Banish Towels on S. P.

San Francisco, Sept. 1.—Discovering that towels valued in all at \$21,000 disappeared from the women's lavatories last year in cars and boats, the Southern Pacific today issued an order dispensing with towels in the women's lavatories.

GOTCH HIDES HIMSELF.

Will Not Give Name of His Hotel—Doing Only Light Work.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Frank Gotch and his party arrived here today in his private car. To escape the crowds he would not give the name of his hotel. Some light work today and tomorrow is his schedule.

Hackenschmidt is doing nothing today but running and swimming. Somewagers are being made 10 to 7 on the outcome of the Monday bout.

Auto Races at Old Orchard.

Old Orchard, Me., Sept. 1.—Several hundred automobile drivers of national reputation are entered in the three days' race meeting which opened here today. The course extends two and one half miles straightaway along the beach.

Child Held for Board.

New York, Sept. 1.—Her child held for a \$50 board bill, Mrs. Pauline Gottlich regained possession through the courts. Magistrate Arachi rules that children were not within the reach of hotelkeepers as security for debts.

EGYPT ANNEXED SOON, BELIEF

KITCHENER'S APPOINTMENT AS AGENT GENERAL MADE

No Longer Any Question About England's Policy Regarding Egypt.

London, Sept. 1.—Appointment of Lord Kitchener to succeed Sir Eldon Gorst as agent general of Egypt means a speedy annexation by Great Britain, it is believed in diplomatic circles. Abbas Hilmi, the khedive, continues to intrigue against the British rule so it has been decided he must go. Kitchener's arrival is expected to stir up trouble as he is disinclined to go and then England is expected to step in and annex the country on the grounds that it is unable to longer control its affairs.

Portland Police Upheaval.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 1.—It is semi-officially stated here today that the big shakeup of the police department yesterday afternoon marked the beginning of the end of grafting by police officials in the tenderloin and that Mayor Rushlight and Chief of Police Slover are bent on restricting vice in the city without wholly eradicating it. The transfer of 50 patrolmen to different districts, the reduction in rank of eight detectives, and the elimination of a number of other officials either by reduction or transference is but the first step in making the department more efficient and at the same time cleaner.

The sudden orders of the chief threw the department into a turmoil. It was unexpected and had been so carefully planned that no inkling of the re-organization leaked until a few minutes before the orders were issued.

Exchanges Close for Holiday.

New York, Sept. 1.—At the close of business today the New York Stock Exchange, the Cotton Exchange and other leading business exchanges of the metropolis closed for the Labor Day holiday and will not resume business until Tuesday. The only exchange to remain open tomorrow is the Coffee Exchange, which decided against the Saturday holiday because of the interest in the September contract, deliveries on which it is presumed might be interfered with.

Churchmen Meet in Duluth

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 1.—Fifteen bishops and numerous clerical and lay leaders of the Episcopal church of the northwest assembled in Duluth today for the annual council of the sixth missionary district. The sessions will continue over Saturday and Sunday.

TELEPHONE WAR COMES TO END

ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE FINDS RATES EQUITABLE

COMMITTEE WHICH INSPECTED COMPANY BOOKS REPORT

Bulletin Issued at Enterprise This Morning Announces to Opposition to Home Telephone Company That They Found Rates Just and Reasonable—Company to Reinstall Phones

Enterprise, Ore., Sept. 1.—(Special)

Bearing the signature of Hon. J. H. Dobbin and L. E. Jordan, members of the committee representing farmers and Enterprise patrons, of the Home Independent Telephone company appointed to investigate the rates of that company, and to examine its books and records, there is posted on the Enterprise bulletin board today a statement to the effect that after such examination the committee is satisfied that the rates recently established by the telephone company are not inequitable, and that accordingly a recommendation is made to the patrons to resume the service of the company. The third member of the committee, C. H. Zurcher, was detained at La Grande by sickness in his family and therefore was not able to return with the other members of the committee, but it is understood that the committee was unanimous in its report.

This action followed from an invitation on behalf of the telephone company to the Enterprise Commercial club and business men to investigate for themselves the reasonableness of its rates. It is evident that the committee was selected with a view of combining not only prominent and conservative business interests but expert accounting as well, inasmuch as Mr. Dobbin is one of the leading and most successful farmers and stock raisers of Wallowa county and Mr. Zurcher a leading merchant at Enterprise, while Mr. Jordan is a professional accountant, having recently completed an examination of the Wallowa county records for the county court.

This outcome is the result of the recent disposition shown by both sides of the situation to get together and if possible adjust the differences in a fair and equitable manner to all concerned. It is generally believed that this action will virtually end the telephone trouble in Union and Wal-

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MURDER DEGREE AGAINST GEIDEL

BELL BOY CONVICTED OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

Youth Weeps When Jurors Decide His Fate—Sentenced Tuesday.

New York, Sept. 1.—Paul Geidel, aged 17 was convicted in second degree murder for the purpose of robbing Millionaire Jackson. Punishment is from 20 years to life. He wept copiously when the verdict of the jurors was brought in. He is to be sentenced Tuesday.

Geidel was a bellhop in a big hotel in this city and the defense attempted to show that criminal relations existed between the boy and the millionaire. Geidel told the jury that he killed the man to get money to bring his mother and sister to New York after the millionaires had refused to pay him sums of money alleged to be due the boy.

MAY SHORTEN HUNTING SEASON

Salem, Ore., Sept. 1.—Backed by the state forestry board and the Oregon Forest Fire association, a petition signed by the owners of 4,000,000 acres of timber in western Oregon was sent to Governor West today, asking him to suspend the hunting season because

many fires had been started recently. The governor was warned that the situation is getting serious and may grow worse by far unless the season is closed. The governor is in Astoria and the matter will be laid before him immediately.