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CRISIS IN RAILROAD SITUATION TO BE REACHED IN FEW HOURS

COMPANY OFFICIALS AND UNIONS MEET TODAY

Krutchschmitt Formally Announces His Position With Reference to Federation System--New Organization Will Insist on Recognition.

San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31.—A large majority of the shop employees of the Harriman lines coming into this city today estimate that ten days is the longest time that the road could successfully operate their trains after the shops will have been tied up by a walkout of the federation system members.

Bollermakers today declared that the company would be ready to deal with the federation sooner than that length of time, as they claim that locomotives in particular, are in need of various minor and other kinds of repairs constantly.

President Killin, of the blacksmiths' union, today gave out a statement to the effect that the roads must come to an agreement real soon, or a strike of the federated employees is a certainty.

Labor leaders held a conference among themselves this morning in preparation for their visit to Vice President and General Manager Krutchschmitt, which is scheduled for this afternoon or tomorrow at the latest.

From the general offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad company this morning it was announced that Mr. Krutchschmitt would meet the union officials, as presidents of the various crafts, but under no consideration as officials of the federated system.

Final I. C. Meet Today. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31.—The final conference between the representative shop unions and officials of the Illinois Central Railroad company will be held in this city this afternoon.

Would Prevent Socialism. Christiania, Aug. 31.—The Norwegian press is calling on the government to adopt stern measures to prevent the spread of socialism in the army.

Seamen Strike Ends. Odessa, Aug. 31.—The seamen's strike at Black sea ports is extending to the volunteer fleet.

Company Engineers to Present Figures. In order to confer with the council regarding the movement to have telephone and power wires removed from overhead and placed under ground, two engineers from each of the corporations involved will arrive in Pendleton next Tuesday.

The fact that these figures are to be furnished by the engineers of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph and the Pacific Power & Light companies, which are avowedly hostile to the present movement, occasioned some surprise even among the councilmen.

TAFT AGAIN SLAPS RECALL

In Address Recommends Reforms in Procedure and More Salary for Judges

Boston, Mass., Aug. 31.—Bitterly denouncing the principle of the recall as applied to the judiciary, President Taft today, in an address before the American Bar association, which is in session here, took occasion to urge reformation in judicial procedure.

Before the arrival of the president the association had adopted a special report in which the recall was denounced.

During his speech, President Taft said that he was extremely glad that the constitution of the United States was elastic enough to permit of progress, without what he terms "the admittance of wild theories."

Rev. Rice Dies. Seattle, Aug. 31.—Rev. S. Rice, a prominent Methodist minister and editor of the "Guide to Homes," a church publication, issued at Philadelphia, died today at the home of his son. He was 69 years of age.

WHITE SLAVER PUT UNDER HEAVY BONDS

United States Marshal Hamlin is en route to Portland today having in his custody Chris Louis, the Greek who was arrested last week in La Grande on a white slave charge.

Louis was formerly a cook at the Queen Chop house and it is alleged he enticed Mrs. Grace Dilman, a 17-year-old girl of this city, to go with him to Walla Walla and later to La Grande.

Tramp She Befriended Leaves Woman Fortune. Atlantic City, N. J.—Picked up as a tramp and treated kindly by Mrs. Claire Pawling Plummer, founder of the Bid-a-Wee home at Longport, George W. Eccleston was so thankful that when he died he left her \$330,000, according to his will made public here.

Wrestlers Ready. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31.—George Hackenschmidt today completed his hard training for his match with Champion Frank Gotch Monday night. Gotch is expected to reach Chicago from Humbolt, Ia., tonight.

PAVING CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ALTA AND COTTONWOOD

Hard Battle Fought for Work --Warren Brothers are Lucky Bidders

By a unanimous vote of the council last evening, Warren Brothers of Boston, were awarded the contract for paving Alta and Cottonwood streets, their bid for bitulithic having been declared the lowest and best.

Warren Brothers did not, however, secure the contract without a hard fight waged both before the street committee and before the council as a whole.

When Councilman Stroble for the street committee recommended that the paving of the streets in question be proceeded with and made a motion which was seconded, that the council accept Warren Bros. bid.

Both Mr. Mahoney for Warren Bros. and Mr. Robinson for the Spokane firm addressed the council, presenting further arguments in favor of their bids.

High Price War Continues. Paris, Aug. 31.—The war against high prices was continued with unabated violence last night.

Libernis Raid Ranch. Juarez, Mex., Aug. 31.—A ranch located a few miles south of this city was raided by a small band of armed bandits last night.

36-YEAR-OLD BRIDES ETHEL MATE 72 YEARS HER JUNIOR. Troy, Mo.—Mrs. Nancy Eddy, 96, is a bride for the sixth time.

City Prepares for December Election. Tomorrow morning at the city hall John Bailey, Jr., will open the registration books for city voters in preparation for the municipal election.

Babe Kidnapped from Courtroom. Portland, Ore., Aug. 31.—With both Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walker, who are divorced, charging that each knows of the whereabouts of their six year old son, who was kidnapped from under the nose of Judge Gastenbein, during a hearing of a case in which the husband had sought custody of the child on grounds that the mother was an unfit person to keep the child, detectives have today been set to work on the case in the hope of learning the whereabouts of the boy, whose name is Harvey.

Auditors Dropped From Payroll. New Orleans, Aug. 31.—It was learned from semi-official sources that 13 of the 18 train auditors of the Louisiana and Texas lines of the Southern Pacific railroad had been dropped from the payrolls September 7 by Thornwell Fay, vice president and general manager of these lines.

Twin's Parents White But Twin is Black. Philadelphia.— Happily cooling at the same crib at the Chestnut street recreation pier are Sallie Bonner, five months, who is almost as white as snow, and her twin sister, Marie, who is as black as the ace of spades.

Wright Brothers Sued. New York, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Mary Lynch has filed suit for \$25,000 against the Wright brothers, alleging she was injured by one of their flying machines.

DEFENSE TEARING DOWN TESTIMONY OF PAUL BEATTIE

Numerous Witnesses Swear to Allegations Discrediting Defendant's Cousin

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 31.—Attorney Smith, chief counsel for Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., today gave out a statement in which he declared that his client would not make a plea of insanity.

David Weinstein, son of the pawnbroker from whom the shot gun was purchased by Paul Beattie, and who sold the weapon to Paul Beattie, was today put on the witness stand.

During the cross-examination, Weinstein became confused and in the matter of dates, he became hopelessly entangled.

Job Weinstein, a fourteen-year-old brother of the gun salesman, corroborated the testimony of his elder brother and contradicted the story previously told by Paul Beattie, to the effect that the boy had taken the gun to pieces when it was sold to himself.

The boy demonstrated on the stand that he could not handle the weapon as described by Paul Beattie, as he was too small to do so.

General Ends Fatally. New Orleans, Aug. 31.—A quarrel of six months' standing over an electric battery ended today in the killing of Joseph Hasselback, 23 years of age, by his brother-in-law, Charles Reimback, while relatives and friends were assembled for the funeral of their mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry Frank.

Amateur Aviator Injured. Freeport, Ill., Aug. 31.—Fred Hogue, 26 years of age, an amateur aviator of Chicago, was probably fatally injured and number of spectators were hurt when Hogue's airplane fell 150 feet during an exhibition flight.

Looking For Opium. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 31.—Customs Inspector Endow, of San Francisco, is awaiting the arrival of the steamer Minnetonka, and will search her for opium.

Escaped Man is Returned to Jail. Jack Wilson has again taken up his residence in the Umatilla county jail after a very short freedom.

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FIRE FIGHTERS RUSH FROM CITY AT MIDNIGHT FOR RESERVATION

Forest Blaze is Believed Under Control. Thick Growth of Underbrush Impedes Work of Combatting Flames That Have Raged for Forty-eight Hours Near Gibbon

The following telegram received by W. L. Thompson at 2:45 this afternoon indicates that the fire has again assumed menacing proportions:

Gibbon, Ore., Aug. 31, 1911. W. L. Thompson, Pendleton, Oregon. Change in wind has increased fire and danger. Boys having had a time to control it are about exhausted.

Island Case is Revived. Supreme Court Mandate is Nil and United States Tribunal Will Hear Suit. The end is not yet in the hard fought lawsuit over Beavert Island at the mouth of the Umatilla river for which John Switzer and F. E. Earnhart have been contending these many years.

After being fought out in the lower courts, the supreme court of the state rendered its decision in favor of the plaintiff and it was thought that the case was permanently settled.

Fire Under Control. In a message sent by W. J. Furnish to W. L. Thompson and Dan P. Smythe and which arrived here this morning, it was stated that the fire near Gibbon was under control.

Bryan Roasts Taft for Vetoing Bills. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 31.—Following up his recent controversy with Democratic Leader Underwood, of the lower house of Congress, William Jennings Bryan comes out in today's Commoner and severely roasts President Taft in summing up the work of the special session of Congress.

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