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PLANNING TO CALL STRIKE

General Manager Kruttschnitt Again Refuses to Recognize Federation.

WALKOUT MAY BE ORDERED DURING DAY

Strike Order to Be Made General Over Entire Harriman System of Railroad Lines—M. K. & T. Men Have Laid Down Tools.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28.—That the Harriman system of railroad lines has done all that it will attempt to do to avert the threatened strike of the members of the Federation of Shopmen is indicated by a message which has been received at the headquarters of the federation in this city. The message was sent by Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president and general manager of the Harriman system and in it the official virtually declined to discuss the recognition of the employees as a federation. Presidents of the international unions involved in the impending trouble, held a hurried conference today, on receiving the message, with the view of deciding on some plan for calling a general strike on the Harriman line.

President Kline of the Blacksmiths' union, stated this morning that a decision to call the strike might be reached today.

In General Manager Kruttschnitt's message, the ultimatum, fixing the noon hour as the time the employees would give the company to grant an audience, was not referred to.

M. K. & T. Men Out. President Kline phoned to James O'Connell, president of the machinists union, to the effect that the shopmen on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, affiliated with the Systems of Federation, have struck in sympathy with the carmen at Denton, San Antonio, Texas, and Sedalia, Missouri and Parsons, Kansas. Kline said the crisis had arrived and they might as well fight now as any time.

U. P. Welcomes Strike. New York, Sept. 28.—That the Union Pacific has decided to defy the System of Federation and welcome a strike, if forced to it, is the interpretation put upon its reply, telegraphed at noon today to the federation officials, conferring at Chicago. The company wired, if the men did not like the treatment already accorded them, the company did not see what else could be done to persuade them to remain in service.

Ready at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 28.—The shopmen in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad company at this place are ready to walk out on a strike the moment it is definitely ascertained that the railroad officials will not accede to the demands of the federation, say officials of the various unions today.

N. M. REPUBLICANS TO NAME BURSUM

Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 28.—H. O. Bursum, chairman of the republican territorial central committee, will in all probability be nominated as the republican candidate for governor of the new state, by the convention today.

Former Governors Bradford and George Curry are candidates for congressional nominations only, and each is practically assured of receiving a nomination.

Great interest centers in the fight for the senatorial toga. The four leaders in this race are Governor Miles, William Andrews, A. B. Fall and Thomas Catron.

Miss Kruttschnitt to Wed. Chicago, Sept. 28.—Miss Rebecca Kruttschnitt, daughter of Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president and active manager of the Harriman roads, and her mother are in Chicago on their way to New Orleans, where the daughter is to be married to Henry Clifford Woodhouse, an Englishman. The wedding is to be a quiet one and will take place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Joseph P. Blatz. The honeymoon will be spent in the orient and after March the young people expect to be at home in Oregon. Mr. Woodhouse has money but no title of nobility.

BURNS FAMILY TO DEATH; STARTED FIRE WITH OIL

Three Others Badly Injured and Home is Totally Destroyed

Mitchell, Ill., Sept. 28.—Coal oil used to start a fire, with which to cook the family morning meal, is responsible for the death of five members of the family of Virgil Nanderer, of this city, the serious injury by burning of two other members and himself, and the total destruction of his home.

The dead are: Mrs. Vandener, and four children—Gertrude, age 15 years; Bessie, age 13 years; Earl, age 8 years and Wanda, age 4 years.

The father had arisen and started the fire, while the other members of the family slept.

He placed fuel in the stove and poured kerosene over it from a can. Hot coals, supposed to have smoldered all night, ignited the oil, causing an explosion, which threw the fiery liquid over the man and the room.

The sleeping occupants of the house were burned before they could be awakened and rescued.

WANT BOOKS OF CITY OFFICIALS AUDITED

The official books of the city may be audited by experts if a recommendation to be made to the council by the finance committee is favorably received. This was the statement made this morning by Councilman C. P. Strain who is a member of the committee and who is strongly in favor of the auditing.

The books of the city officials have not been audited for years, and while there is no suspicion of dishonesty on the part of the officials, the members of the finance committee believe that experts should be employed to check up the accounts of the city and discover any possible errors or entanglements.

To that end a meeting will be held some time this week with the two Spokane experts who have just finished auditing the books of the county and it is probable that these men will be employed if the council accepts the suggestion of the committee.

EAST AWAKENS TO WESTERN PROGRESS

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 28.—The east is awakening to progressive ideas and only needs a leader, declared Governor Aldrich, who returned from the Spring Lake conference of governors, where he caused a commotion by his denunciation of federal judges, whom he charged with nullifying state rights. He said the western spirit is responsible for this awakening.

Eleven Drowned. Paris, Sept. 28.—Eleven persons were drowned and ten others injured by the overturning of an automobile bus into the Seine yesterday afternoon. The vehicle was half way over the Archeveche bridge when in trying to avoid a collision with another omnibus the chauffeur gave his steering wheel a sharp turn. The heavy vehicle skidded, shot on to the sidewalk, crashed into the heavy iron railing and dropped into the river. All the passengers were carried down with the exception of two or three who jumped. Ten bodies were recovered.

Ordered from Claim. Ukiah, Cal., Sept. 28.—Struggles between settlers and the L. E. White Lumber company for the possession of rich timber lands along Alder creek reached a crisis again when H. S. Warren, a settler, was driven off a claim. Warren's cabin was razed, and he was warned not to come back. The settlers, who already have petitioned Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher, admit that they await with fear the next move of gun men imported into the territory. Efforts to persuade women to leave the clearings and let their husbands fight it out alone have proved futile. They will not do so.

Held for Shooting. Denver, Sept. 28.—A coroner's jury here held Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson for the felonious killing of her husband, Charles Patterson, a former Chicago broker, here last Monday.

Tacoma Has Blaze. Tacoma, Sept. 28.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, almost totally destroyed the \$150,000 plant of the Puyallup Veneer and Mill company at Meeker Junction, near here last night. More than 100 men are thrown out of employment.

GIRL POISONS HER FAMILY

Slays Parents and Sister to Collect Insurance is Belief of Police.

IS PRETTY STENOGRAPHER OF NEW ORLEANS

Had Succeeded in Collecting Money on Three Members' Deaths—Admits Administering Poison But Denies She Made a Mistake.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—In the arrest here of Annie Crawford on the charge of poisoning her younger sister, Elsie, a pretty stenographer, the police took their first step in an effort to clear up the mystery of several deaths in the family.

Three other members of the Crawford family have died under mysterious circumstances within the last 15 months.

Elsie Crawford died suddenly last Saturday and under circumstances so suspicious that the coroner's jury had the contents of the stomach analyzed. The finding of enough morphine to kill at least two persons was followed by the arrest of the sister.

Mary Agnes Crawford, sister of the prisoner died June 25 1910, supposedly of acute meningitis. Three weeks later, July 15, 1910, her father died, uraemic poisoning being given as the cause. On July 27, 1910, her mother died. In her case, uraemic poisoning also was given as the cause.

Annie Crawford, the prisoner, held insurance policies on the lives of the deceased in the following sums:

Walter C. Crawford, father, \$500; Mrs. Crawford, mother, \$400; Mary Agnes Crawford, sister, \$300; Elsie Crawford, sister, \$250.

She collected the insurance in each case except in that of her sister Elsie payment of which was withheld pending the receipt of the certificate of death.

Miss Crawford, according to police officials, admitted to the district attorney that she gave her sister, Elsie, morphine, but did it by mistake; she intended to give her calomel and soda.

Johnson Not Broke. Chicago, Sept. 28.—Jack Johnson's mother laughed when told that Jack was broke. She said he had \$150,000 in a bank here which he would not touch, and that he always lived on the country, wherever he was.

The Commission Plan in Des Moines

Commissioner Mac Vear Says Plan Is Adapted to Small Cities Also.

In a letter to Judge S. A. Lowell of this city, John Mac Vear, member of the Des Moines commission and the superintendent of the department of streets and public improvements, heartily endorses the commission plan of government. He declares the plan should work well in small cities as well as in large places and calls attention to the fact that when the idea was first suggested in Des Moines it was opposed on the ground the plan would not operate well in a city as large as Des Moines.

The following statement regarding the operation of the plan in Des Moines was given by Mr. Mac Vear and will be of local interest:

The government of our city, under the Des Moines plan, has been characterized by increased efficiency and facilitation of the city's business in all departments. Selfish ward interests have been ignored, and the demands and needs of the public generally public receive first consideration. Improved bookkeeping and efficient auditing have stopped many leaks. The city's expenditures have been kept within its income. The tax levy is slightly decreased. The city receives interest on all deposits and takes cash discounts whenever possible. Monthly and annual detailed and comprehensive reports are promptly issued and circulated. This has resulted in a lessening of the expense for the conduct of the city's business in what we term the "working funds" (not trust or permanent funds) in the sum of \$180,000.00 during 1908 as compared with 1907, under the old plan of government. The second year shows the administration within its income on a smaller tax levy than that of previous years. It should be explained here that deficits are from time to time incurred to meet cost of street paving abutting property belonging to the United States and city governments, and other properties which are exempt from taxation. These deficits are met as provided by law, from the levies made the year following.

The Des Moines plan of government has not entirely eliminated politics, but it has improved the brand of politics. So long as the people elect city officials. City government must, to some extent be a political proposition. Embryo reformers are wont to cry out for the elimination of politics from our city elections and tell us that city government is purely a business proposition. In that they are mistaken. Webster defines politics as the science of government, and distinguishes between good and bad politics. While business ethics must be observed in certain phases of city government, yet city government is more than a business proposition. It is not a corporation organized for profit, but for the purpose of protecting life, health and property, caring for the education and to some extent the morals of the community.

In the selection of municipal officials, we have come to realize that the first consideration is to secure not only "good men" but capable men. It is said that it is easier to be good than to be efficient. What a municipality needs in her city officials is men who understand how to run a city's business and who are sufficiently political to know how to cater to the needs of the community.

T-A-T IS AGAIN IN INSURGENTS' TERRITORY TODAY

Speaks on Relation of the Government to Country's Business

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 28.—President Taft today invaded Iowa and also the insurgent territory of ex-Congressman Smith.

The president intimated that he was well pleased with his reception in Keosauqua and that he received a 75 per cent warmer welcome in the Jay-shank state than he anticipated.

In his address on the relation of the government to the business of the country, the president classed the four most important points, the regulation of railroad rates by the interstate commerce commission; enforcement of laws forbidding unlawful combination; tariff legislation, effecting chiefly the manufacturers of this country and a proper banking and currency system.

He stated that the government had made good progress and remedying unreasonable and discriminating railroad rates and recommended that the cases affecting interstate commerce be put under direct control of the department of justice.

Speaking of the prevention of unlawful competition, the president declared the existing laws and upheld the recent trust decisions of the United States supreme court.

On the tariff question, Mr. Taft declared that the business of the country depended on a protective tariff, but that he had come to believe that the tariff is too high and needs fixing.

ALASKAN GOVERNOR TO MEET PRESIDENT TAFT

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 28.—Territorial Governor Walter Clark, of Alaska, today announced that he will go to Seattle, Wash., next month to meet President Taft.

He said, "I want to talk to the president about six important laws that ought to be passed by congress for the good of this country."

Land Congress Opens.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 28.—The first public lands congress ever held in the United States opened here today. It was called by Governor Shaffroth of Colorado, in the interest of western states. It will last three days. Disposition of water powers, irrigation, forestry and conservation will be discussed.

ITALIAN FLEETS BLOCKADE TURKISH AND TRIPOLI COASTS

TURKEY WEAKENS; TOO LATE BELIEVE POWERS

Thirty Thousand Italian Troops Start for Front--War Welcomed--Pope, Sanctions Italian Government's Belligerent Actions.

YOUTH TRIED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

London, Eng., Sept. 28.—With four Italian battleships, three cruisers and a fleet of transports, bearing 20,000 Italian troops, sailing off the coast of Tripoli today, British officialdom hourly expects to receive advices that Italy has landed her forces in the disputed country and that war with Turkey started to acquire the new empire.

A second expeditionary Italian squadron sailed from Spezia last night and it is believed that this fleet is being sent to establish a blockade of Turkish seaports, probably to prevent the further embarkation of Turkish troops for Tripoli.

Advices from the various European capitals indicate that the powers have abandoned all hope of peace between the two belligerent southern countries, and will henceforth exert their efforts to prevent the expected war from involving other countries, which is considered the gravest danger brought about by the dispute over Tripoli.

Constantinople, Turkey, Sept. 28.—Indications that war between Italy and Turkey will be avoided if Turkey has not already gone too far in her refusal of Italy's demands, are beginning to appear here today.

The ports are now weakening, since it has been determined that the powers will not interfere, in Turkey's behalf, which is believed was the expectation of the Turkish government.

Today the cabinet conferred and after the meeting an official announcement was made to the effect that Turkey has decided to make material concessions to Italy, provided the latter country will respect Turkey's territorial integrity.

It is however, considered as extremely improbable that the Italian government will consent to the control of the disputed territory remaining under the Turkish government.

Italy Welcomes War. New York, N. Y., Sept. 28.—A condensed dispatch received here today from Rome says that Italy has admitted that the landing of forces in Tripoli, by the Turkish government yesterday, was an unardonable defiance of Italy's stand in the dispute and that a great majority of Italians will welcome war. More than ninety per cent of the reservists have responded to the government's call to colors.

Italy Accepts Defy. Rome, Italy, Sept. 28.—La Stampa, a semi-official newspaper, today declares that Italy will use the landing of a few hundred Turkish troops in Tripoli yesterday from the transport Derna, as cause for war. Officials have refused to comment on the story.

Pope Sanctions Italy's Move. Rome, Sept. 28.—The pope today officially endorsed the Italian expedition for the occupation of Tripoli. This will materially aid the government in preventing the great strike of protest which is being planned by the socialists.

Must Protect Italians. Vienna, Sept. 28.—Austria has quietly intimated to Turkey that Italian citizens in Turkey, must be protected if Turkey wishes to retain the sympathy of the powers.

French Cruisers Sail. Paris, France, Sept. 28.—For the purpose of protecting French interests in Tripoli, the government has ordered the cruisers Gambetta and Reaumur to the Tripoli coast and the vessels sailed today.

Peace is Hopeless. Berlin, Germany, Sept. 28.—Though practically all hope of a peaceful settlement of the dispute between Italy and Turkey has been abandoned, the German ambassador at Constantinople is still seeking some way to find a basis for an agreement between the belligerent countries. Two German warships have been ordered to the coast of Tripoli to protect German interests.

Fight May go to Paris. London, Sept. 28.—After agreeing not to fight in England, police court proceedings against Jack Johnson and Wells, were dismissed today. This means the big fight is off and may probably go to Paris.

Attorney J. W. Hensleigh of Echo is transacting business in the city today.

4 Killed by Bomb. Guadalupe, Mexico, Sept. 28.—A terrible explosion of rockets and bombs in a crowded church here today resulted in the deaths of four persons and serious injury to 15 others, and cast a shadow of gloom over the merry-making attending the coming of Madero to this city. Of the wounded many were so seriously burned or trampled in the panic that followed the explosion that they may die.

Accused of working a "skin game" on H. H. Wessel, the well known Court street clothing man, J. A. Schultz is now in the city jail pending the return of Justice Parkes from Walla Walla, when formal complaint will be made against him.

Schultz it is alleged, obtained merchandise from the Wessel store under false pretenses. Several days ago he purchased a bill of goods there and, according to the proprietor, declared "his employer, J. H. King, a well known farmer, would telephone in to touch for his trustworthiness. Soon a message was received over the phone, the speaker representing himself to be Mr. King.

Several days later Mr. Wessel grew suspicious and communicated with Mr. King, only to learn that the message had been "phony." Yesterday Schultz came back and purchased an overcoat valued at \$27.50 under the impression that he had not been found out. However, the officers were notified and he was arrested last night by Officer Kearney.

ALLEGED BUNCO MAN IS JAILED