

### DEMAND FOR GEMS EXHAUSTS SUPPLY RUSSIAN MARKET

Warsaw.—Diamonds are in such demand among foreigners visiting Russia in search of bargains that the nearby bordering cities are being drained of stones for the Russian market, according to dealers here. Merchants have been active for months in Bucharest, Vienna, Riga, Reval, Warsaw, and even Berlin, and other cities, buying up the cheaper cut stones. By ingenious ways these diamonds—if some of them can be called diamonds—are sent to Moscow, and there put on the market.

Russian diamonds have been extensively advertised in Europe and the United States. Owing to misfortune many wealthy families, when reverses came, sold their jewels at prices for less than they were worth. But time has brought about a change in conditions. There were many diamond buyers in Russia in the early days of the revolution and the hard times which followed. This quite naturally attracted the attention of foreigners, and for years every visitor to Russia went with the hope of finding a nice "pick up" or two for himself or his wife, or for speculation. Merchants too came in droves. As a consequence most of the better diamonds, rubies and other precious stones gradually passed into foreign hands, and on out of the country. Merchants contend that there are probably more yellow and specked diamonds in Moscow today than in any other city in Europe. And many of these, through speculators, came from the outside especially for the "trade." Eventually through bargain hunting foreigners, these stones will be taken out of the country again at \$150 or \$200 a carat when on the open market they would not bring half that price.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL NOT NEGOTIATE

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 15.—The Southern Pacific company announced today that it was not concerned with the strike settlement reached at Chicago yesterday, and did not intend to deal with its old shop organizations. President C. M. Levey, of the Western Pacific Railroad company, said he did not know enough about the Chicago settlement to state what attitude his company would take.

The Southern Pacific statement, issued by General Manager J. H. Dyer, said that in accordance with resolutions passed by the United States railroad labor board, the company had entered into contractual relations with a new organization of its employees called the shop crafts protective league.

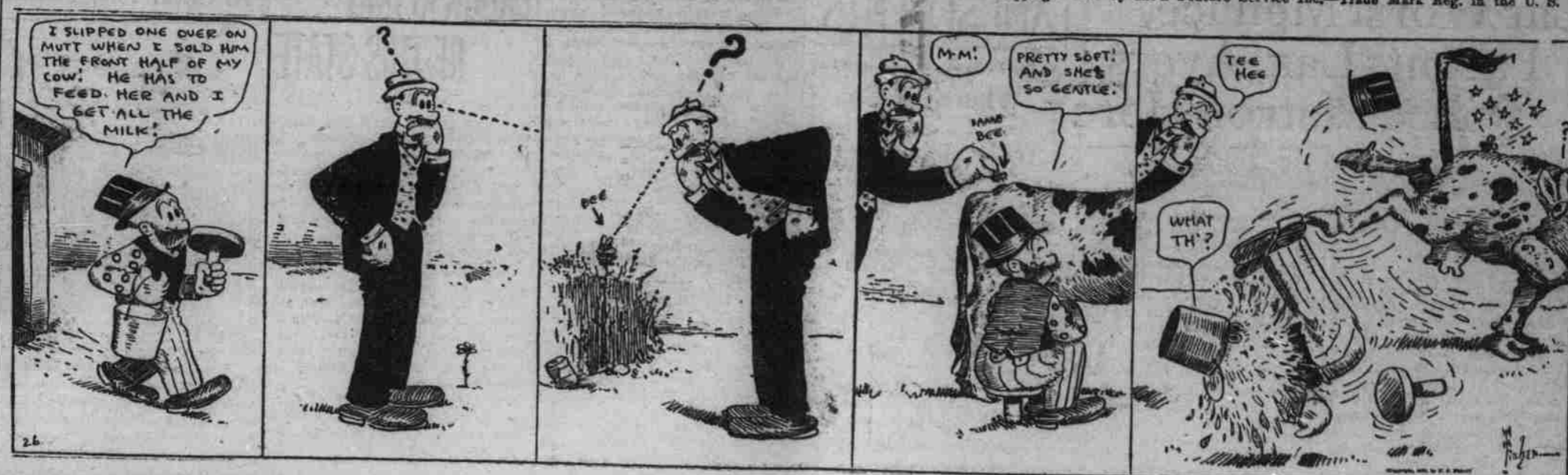
### RAILROADS AT ST. PAUL CONFER WITH SHOPMEN

St. Paul, Miss., Sept. 15.—Executives of four railroads centering in the Twin Cities were meeting with representatives of their striking shopmen here today in an effort to settle the strike in the northwest on the basis of the agreement negotiated in Chicago. The Northern Pacific, the Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Salt Lake, Ste Marie, the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the Great Northern are the four roads represented at the conference which was requested by R. A. Henning, chairman of the northwestern federated shopcrafts on his returned today from the Chicago conference.

### CORONER SECURES PARTNER

Dallas, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special) A deal whereby C. W. Henkle of Independence becomes the owner of a half interest in the undertaking establishment of R. L. Chapman, Polk county coroner, was announced here today. Mr. Henkle recently disposed of his Independence morgue to Arthur Keeney, a former employe of a Salem undertaking firm. Mr. Henkle had operated in Independence for 15 years.

### MUTT AND JEFF Just a Playful Prank on Mutt's Part.



### GRECIAN LIBRARY TO COST \$200,000

Athens, Greece, Sept. 15.—The Greek national assembly has passed the bill expropriating a magnificent site on the slopes of Mt. Lycabettus for the erection of the building for which the Carnegie corporation has appropriated the sum of \$200,000 which is to house the Gennadius library recently presented by Ioannes Gennadius to the American School of Classical Studies.

Speeches were made by the prime minister, who read the letter of Elihu Root, chairman of the trustees of the Carnegie corporation, announcing the grant and endorsing the purposes of the Gennadius foundation at the American school, and by several prominent deputies.

It is the consensus of opinion here by those who are acquainted with the Gennadius library, now in London, that it has no equal in the world as a library illustrating Hellenic civilization; and that the American school by its possession will occupy a unique position among the learned bodies of Europe.

### NEW YORK CENTRAL CONFERS WITH LEE

New York, Sept. 4.—A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central railroad today held a secret meeting with W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen and L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, at which they discussed a new agreement, which it was understood would provide for a renewal of the present wage scale, working conditions and rules.

### Logger Instantly Killed.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 15.—Geo. Hatton, aged 21, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon while working for the Everett Logging company on the Tulalip Indian reservation. His head was crushed between projecting logs while he was trying to fix a car coupling. His parents live in The Dalles, Oregon.

### A TRUE RAT STORY



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### BUILDING BOOM AT MILL CITY

Good business times and a building boom have come hand in hand at Mill City this summer where twelve new homes are under construction. The majority of the houses are of frame material due to the accessible supply of lumber and cedar shingles.

In addition to the twelve private homes constructed, the dwellings owned by the Hammond Lumber company, and rented to their employes, have been rebuilt in many instances and additions made with bath, lights and new plumbing installed.

Few new business houses have been built this summer construction along that line being limited to two new garages opened, one occupied by the new firm of Rider & House, Ford dealers.

Among the owners of new residences at Mill City are H. T. Baltimore, Phil Brant, W. P. Marrs, F. E. Taylor, W. W. Mason and Ed Hammon.

B. W. Sheldon, office manager of the Hammond Lumber company, Mill City plant, for the past two years will leave the first of October for San Francisco. George Raymond of the Astoria office will be transferred to the Mill City office to fill the position left vacant by Mr. Sheldon's resignation.

### Coffee Loses Contest.

Portland, Or., Sept. 15.—Judge J. W. Knowles Thursday declared R. J. Kirkwood winner over John B. Coffey in the latter's contest for republican nomination for state legislature by 26 votes and refused plea of Attorney Kavanaugh for Coffey to be permitted to attempt to prove that 40 votes cast in precinct 179 had been forged after votes had been cast.

### HORSE RACING AGAIN IN VOGUE IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Sept. 15.—Horse racing in Russia, nearly as popular in the old days as tea drinking, is slowly coming back.

There are so many race followers in Russia that even during the world war it went on about as usual. Not until the revolution came, when the country was almost turned inside out, was racing forced to close down. Four years ago, when racing was actually given up, millions of persons thought it meant the end of everything.

But this summer harness racing began again in Petrograd, Moscow and various other cities. Now Russia, or at least the racing fans, are beginning to feel that after all the world has started to right itself again.

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