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RAIL CAPTAINS CONFER WITH LABOR CHIEFS

With Industrial Peace or War on All Harriman Lines as Probable Outcome, Momentous Conference Begun at San Francisco.

KLINE REPRESENTS UNIONS AND KRUTTSCHNITT ROAD

Anxiety is Keynote of Situation in Both Camps—More Men Discharged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The conference of union leaders of the shopmen of the Harriman lines with Julius Kruttschnitt, manager of the system, ended here at 2:30 this afternoon with nothing accomplished.

There will not be another meeting. The union leaders will meet in half an hour and issue a statement. It is believed the men will strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—With industrial peace or war on all the Harriman lines west of the Mississippi as its probable outcome, one of the most momentous conferences in labor history began here promptly at 11 o'clock today, when international presidents of five shopmen's unions or their representatives, met with General Manager Kruttschnitt of the Harriman roads.

At 2 o'clock no word had come of the outcome.

J. W. Kline, president of the blacksmiths' international union, was the spokesman for the men. With him were M. F. Ryan, president of the railway carmen; J. A. Franklin, president of the boiler-makers; J. D. Backalew, vice-president of the machinists, and J. D. Crane, representing President M. O'Sullivan of the sheet metal workers.

Anxiety in Both Camps.

Anxiety was the keynote of the situation both in the camp of the labor leaders and at the company's office this morning. Neither the general officers of the unions nor the members of the advisory board of the federation would speak regarding the probable outcome of the meeting after Kline, the chairman, had made his statement.

Seventy-five train auditors in the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific and 25 other employees in the Flood building headquarters here were let out today. According to Fred G. Athearn, head of the economic bureau of the railroad, this makes 500 in all who have been dismissed since the company recently promulgated its program of retrenchment.

NEGRO LAWYER DISRUPTS BAR

Color Line Test Threatens to Disrupt American Bar Association—Advised to Withdraw But He Won't Do It.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 1.—The color line test threatens to temporarily disrupt the American Bar Association in convention here because Special Assistant District Attorney Lewis, a negro, announces that he will positively not resign as a member of that distinguished body.

Southern barristers did not attend the banquet last night because they feared Lewis would be there. They insist today that if Lewis is wise he will resign without further trouble.

A former president of the association whose name is withheld, said today: "The country should know that the American Bar Association did not elect Lewis a member. The Massachusetts council, months ago, proposed his name to the executive council which never rejects anyone proposed by a local council. It is unfortunate that Massachusetts proposed a negro."

FAMOUS ACTRESS ILL.



MISS MARIE BOOTH RUSSELL

Suffering from a mild attack of heart disease, Mrs. Robert B. Mantell, who is well known on the stage as Miss Marie Booth Russell, has been ordered by her physician to abandon her plans to accompany her husband as his leading woman during the early part of the coming season. She is now at her home in Atlantic Highlands, N. J., and will remain there with her family until late in the autumn.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL STRIKE CERTAIN

President Markham Refuses to Deal With Shopmen's Federation—If Kruttschnitt Does Likewise, Other Roads Will Follow.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—On the outcome of the conference today in San Francisco between General Manager Kruttschnitt of the Harriman lines and leaders of the shopmen's unions probably will depend whether it is to be peace or war between the men and the Illinois Central.

President Markham of the Illinois Central has refused to deal with the shopmen's federation. If Kruttschnitt does the same it will establish a precedent on other roads, and should a strike on the Harriman lines come, there is little doubt that the labor war will spread to every road west of the Mississippi and perhaps throughout part of the west as well.

M'GOWAN NEW GAME WARDEN

Art C. Burgess Resigns to Take Up Other Duties—New Appointee of Sandry Is Well Qualified for the Place—Took Office Today.

John E. MacGowan has been appointed deputy fish and game warden to succeed Art C. Burgess, resigned. Mr. MacGowan, better known as "Jinks," took his office today and those who know him best think that he will put the "Jinx" on law violators in this district.

Mr. Burgess who has served for the past three months as warden, resigned in order to take up other duties. Chief Deputy Sandry states that he was satisfied in every way with Mr. Burgess' work and regretted to see him go, but he feels that Mr. MacGowan will fill the place creditably.

Mr. MacGowan is known as an ardent sportsman himself, and has long stood for an enforcement of the game laws. He served a year as president of the Rogue River Fish Protective Association, which organization had the river closed to commercial fishing.

SEATTLE, Wn., Sept. 1.—"I'll move in tomorrow," said a strange man yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Mary Vaughn, proprietress of a rooming house, "but before I go let me kiss you."

Mrs. Vaughn replied angrily and instantly the man pulled out a revolver and fired twice at her, both shots missing. Then he ran down into the basement locking the doors behind him. He was chased by the police to the second floor again. There he fired a bullet into his head, dying a few minutes later.

GOTCH A BIG FAVORITE AT 5 TO 3 ODDS

Champion Arrives at Chicago and Welcomed by Immense Crowd Which He Proceeds to Escape—Fortune for Wrestlers.

WRESTLING RULES MEET WITH APPROVAL OF BOTH

Light Work by Both Principals in Preparation for Monday's Big Event.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—The Gotch party arrived here at 9:30 o'clock today, the champion wrestler having a private car for his retinue on a regular Chicago & Northwestern train. He was accompanied by his wife and her parents, Referee Smith, his manager, Emil Klank, and his trainers, "Farmer" Burns, Gus Reimer, "Yankee" Rogers, Anbell and Hassan.

When Gotch's private car pulled into the Northwestern depot the crowd awaiting the champion was so dense that he "ducked" from the train in the yards and secretly went to his old resort, the Hotel Morrison. His manager, Emil Klank, went to the Hotel Sherman, where he received \$11,000 as an installment on Gotch's guarantee.

Fortune for Wrestlers.

In addition to his guarantee, Gotch will receive half of the motion picture privilege. Jack Curley, Hackenschmidt's manager, today offered the champion \$25,000 for his share of the pictures.

Soon after his arrival Klank announced that the original articles of agreement under which Hackenschmidt and Gotch were matched contained the rules under which they will wrestle, adding: "As Referee Smith's rules will not differ materially from those originally decided upon, we probably will help him out by adopting his rules."

Light mat work today and tomorrow is on Gotch's schedule. Sunday he will taper off his training to practically a quiet rest.

Hackenschmidt today is doing nothing but running and swimming. He is very confident over the prospects of the chances he has to throw the champion.

Gotch a Favorite.

Gotch is the favorite on Jim Lary's book, where a number of good sized bets are being placed. Some wagers are made at 10 to 7, while others have been registered at 5 to 3. The followers of the champion believe that he will score a fall over the Russian within the first ten minutes. Many bets are being made on this basis.

The promoters will have entertainment for the early comers at the White Sox ball grounds, where the match will be staged. They plan to begin the bouts at 11 a. m.

HARRIMAN ISSUE IN DEMAND ON MARKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Today's stock market opened with a gain of a point by Canadian Pacific, Southern Pacific and Lehigh Valley. Most of the active issues advanced fractionally. Atchison preferred, showing about the only early loss, declined a point and a half. Reading, United States Steel and the Harriman issues were in demand.

The market closed steady. Bonds were firm.

BELLBOY CONVICTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Paul Geidel, the 17-year-old bellboy, who killed Millionaire William Jackson for the purpose of robbery, was convicted of second degree murder today. When apprised of the verdict the boy wept bitterly.

BEATTIE, CHARGED WITH MURDER, TAKES FATHER IN CONFIDENCE



HENRY CLAY BEATTIE JR. AND HIS FATHER, TALKING DURING COURT RECESS.

The above photograph shows Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., now on trial for wife murder at Chesterfield, Va., discussing his trial with his aged father. Note the cynical smile of the prisoner and his attitude of apparent absolute indifference. Young Beattie is an inveterate cigarette smoker and when not smoking he is nervously biting the ends off the weed.

MAPS TO SHOW NEW ROAD WORK

County Road Engineer's Office Preparing Maps of Each District to Show How Money Will Be Expended If Bond Issue Carries.

Herman Powell, draughtsman in the office of W. W. Harmon, county road engineer, is fast completing maps of the various road districts of the county which will be used to show the taxpayers of the county where the \$1,500,000, if voted by the county at the end of this month, will be expended in each district. The maps which Mr. Powell is completing show the present roads, the roads under construction and the roads to be constructed if the money is available.

It is believed that with each road district in possession of one of these maps showing how it will be improved will do much to allay fears that any particular section of the county is to be slighted. The maps will soon be ready for distribution.

August Weather

Date	Max.	Min.	Range	Prc't.	Humid.
1	85	51	34	26	
2	88	46	42	29	
3	89.5	51.5	38	30	
4	89.5	50	39.5	27	
5	90.5	50	40.5	22	
6	89	52	37	23	
7	90	51.5	38.5	24	
8	88	47.5	40.5	28	
9	88	47.5	40.5	20	
10	89	48	41	23	
11	88.5	46	42.5	22	
12	89.5	47	42.5	18	
13	88	49.5	38.5	26.5	
14	85	51.5	33.5	29.5	
15	82.5	47.5	35	26	
16	87	45.5	41.5	23	
17	87	49.5	37.5	20	
18	89.5	50	39.5	22	
19	80	49	31	25	
20	85	43.5	41.5	21	
21	94.5	43.5	51	12	
22	97	49	48	15.5	
23	97	50.5	46.5	15.5	
24	97	47	50	15.5	
25	95	50	45	20	
26	93	48.5	44.5	22	
27	92.5	49.5	43	24	
28	90	50.5	39.5	25	
29	94	50	44	18	
30	97	50	47	15	
31	95.5	53.5	42	29	
Mean maximum	80.03				
Mean minimum	48.90				
Maximum	97				
Minimum	43.50				
Dates, 22, 23, 24, 30—					
Total precipitation, August 4	trace				
Number of clear days	29				
Number of cloudy days	0				
Number of partly cloudy days	2				
P. J. O'GARA,					
Local Forecaster, U. S. Weather Bureau, Medford Station.					

INVITE TAFT TO STOP HERE

President Colvig of Commercial Club Wires Chief Executive to Tarry in Medford on His Way to San Francisco.

William Howard Taft, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.—Can you stop at Medford as you pass through to San Francisco from Portland October 12? The people of this city and the Rogue River valley in general would be delighted to see and hear you.

(Signed) WM. M. COLVIG, President of the Medford Commercial Club.

POSTAL RECEIPTS STILL GROWING

Gratifying Increase Is Made During August Over One Year Ago Although Month Just Ending Is Always Very Quiet.

In spite of the fact that August is always the dullest month of the year, a gratifying increase is reported by Assistant Postmaster Woodford over August of one year ago. The phenomenal gain which has been made by the office continues unceasingly.

During August of this year receipts show a gain of seven per cent over a year ago during the same month. For the year ending August 1911, the gain is over 40 per cent over the year ending August, 1910.

DYNAMITE IN BURNING BARN

Buried However and Fails to Explode—G. A. Reading's Barn on Central Point Road Destroyed Last Evening.

Twenty sticks of dynamite stored in a shallow hole beneath the floor of a barn owned by G. A. Reading on the Central Point road failed to explode Thursday night when fire destroyed the building and thereby probably saved a score of lives among the fire fighters who attacked the flames. A thin covering of earth over the explosive kept it safe through the conflagration. Dynamite will burn without exploding providing that no jar shakes it while it is heated. Then the slightest movement will cause it to "go off." Had a rafter fallen last night in the burning structure and hit the spot above the powder it is highly probable that the resulting explosion would not only have hurled embers in all directions but it would have been responsible for a loss of life.

It is believed that the fire was started by a tramp. No other theory is tenable. The loss amounts to nearly \$1500.

WANT HUNTING SEASON CLOSED

Owners of Four Million Acres of Timber Want Governor to Close Season and Have Hunters Called Out of the Woods.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 1.—Backed by the recommendation of State Forester Elliott and the Oregon Forest Fire association, owners of 4,000,000 acres of timber land today petitioned Governor West to close at least temporarily the hunting season. Although the timbermen have signed the petition, State Forester Elliott said that many more owners could readily be obtained.

COWLES TO LECTURE ON FIRE CONTROL

F. H. Cowles, expert fire statistician and fighter, has arranged to deliver a number of addresses before the public school children of this city during the coming year. Mr. Cowles will inform the children of the enormous yearly loss by fire in the country and then show them how this loss can be cut down. Mr. Cowles will probably address the school children in other schools throughout the county. He will endeavor to impress upon the pupils the need of carefulness in dealing with this element.

MYSTERIOUS WITNESS TO AID BEATTIE

Murder Trial Interrupted by Message Promising Valuable Testimony—Prisoner to Take Stand in His Own Defense This Afternoon.

YOUTHFUL BROTHER TELLS A NEW STORY OF TRAGEDY

Mars Effect of Recital by Admitting Would Destroy Evidence to Shield Henry.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 1.—With an element of mystery injected by receipt of a telegram which Attorney Smith for the defense excitedly declared contained information of the most important character and with the promise that Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., taking the stand in his own defense, would make disclosures calculated to prove his innocence of the charge of having murdered his young wife, the trial of the banker today assumed an atmosphere of intensity far greater than has existed at any other time since the court proceedings first began.

Prisoner's Brother Called.

Tardy arrival of witnesses delayed proceedings for an hour. Then character witnesses were sworn. Captain Wright of the Richmond police, J. P. Jones, R. O. Broadus and Richard Sanders all testified that the reputation of E. Nebitt, whose testimony flatly contradicted that of Paul Beattie, and Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., were both good.

Following these witnesses the defense, in further efforts to show that the relations between Beattie and his wife were most cordial, placed the prisoner's brother, Douglas Beattie, on the stand.

After stating that Henry Beattie and his wife apparently kissed whenever they met and that he had never noticed any lack of harmony between them, Douglas, referring to the night of the tragedy, said:

"In response to a telephone call from Dr. Mercer, my father, my sister and I hastened to the Owen home. Father entered first and when I went in I saw Henry in father's arms, sobbing and fondling a little slipper. It belonged to Louise, and I knew then that she was dead."

The boy then went on to describe smearing his clothes with blood in driving the automobile after the tragedy.

Seek Mysterious Witness.

Later Smith dramatically called the ever they met and that he had never seen a small slip of paper, handed it to the officer, saying:

"Have the witness summoned forth with but keep the name a secret. You'll have no trouble in finding him. Any policeman in Richmond can tell you where he is."

If the witness is brought in, it is probable that Henry Beattie will not be summoned to the stand today.

Douglas Beattie, resuming the stand, strengthened the contention of the defense that the blood spots on the gun were not caused by the prisoner's handling, by stating that he had handled the gun after the tragedy when his hands were covered with blood as a result of having driven the automobile.

Ruins Effect on Jury.

Douglas' cross-examination then began and the effect of his testimony was utterly ruined when responding to one of the prosecution's questions, he declared heatedly:

"If I had known the turn this case has taken I would have eliminated the bloodspots and would not have carried the detectives to the scene of the murder. I would have destroyed evidence that was to be used against my brother."

The witness also admitted having carried a message from the defendant Beulah Blinford in which Henry told the girl not to forget him.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 31.—Telegraphic notice that President Taft had changed his itinerary and would arrive in Portland October 11 from the north instead of October 14 from the south, was received by Congressman Hawley here today.