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TWO SECTIONS.

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JOY RIDE OF BUTCHER AID TO BEATTIE

Meat Dealer Admits Driving Along Pike Night of Murder With Strange Woman He Picked Up on Street—Guessed as to What Happened.

FRIEND OF PRISONER TELLS OF ESCAPE

With Beattie Met Beulah and Another Girl at Norfolk, Virginia.

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Va., Sept. 2.—Agreement was reached here this afternoon that Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., will take the stand in his own defense on Monday morning to tell the story of the killing of his wife, of which crime he stands accused.

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Va., Sept. 2.—Charles H. Kastelburg, a rich meat dealer of Richmond, today gave strong support to Henry Beattie's story of the murder of his wife, for which the young banker is on trial here. Kastelburg on the stand admitted driving his automobile along the Modlothian turnpike on the night of the murder. He stopped at the scene of the crime or near by and refilled his radiator, while a Richmond woman accompanying him stood on the running board. The fact that his car stopped there is expected by the defense to refute the testimony that Beattie's automobile had stopped at the scene of the crime before the killing.

Didn't Know Companion.
"While I stood there," said Kastelburg, "two cars passed. The first was speeding as fast as I ever saw an automobile go; the second was going slower. It was filled with boys. They offered to help me and I said I needed no assistance. The lady who was with me stood on the left running board."

Kastelburg said he had not told his story before as he was afraid it might cause him domestic embarrassment and he did not want any notoriety. He said his car had a black body and a cover.

On cross-examination Kastelburg admitted he was guessing as to the time his car stopped near the scene of the Beattie murder. He said he did not know the name of the woman with him; that he had picked her up in front of a local hotel and took her riding. He said he never saw her before or since. The woman, he said, wore a white coat.

Other Witnesses on Stand.
An old negro living near the scene of the crime claimed that she heard both the shot and the sound of an automobile horn.

W. H. Sampson, a personal friend of the prisoner, testified that Beattie's relations with Beulah Binford were broken off when the young man married Louise Owen. Sampson said that he and Henry went to Norfolk separately, met there and went around with Beulah and Henrietta Pittman for two days.

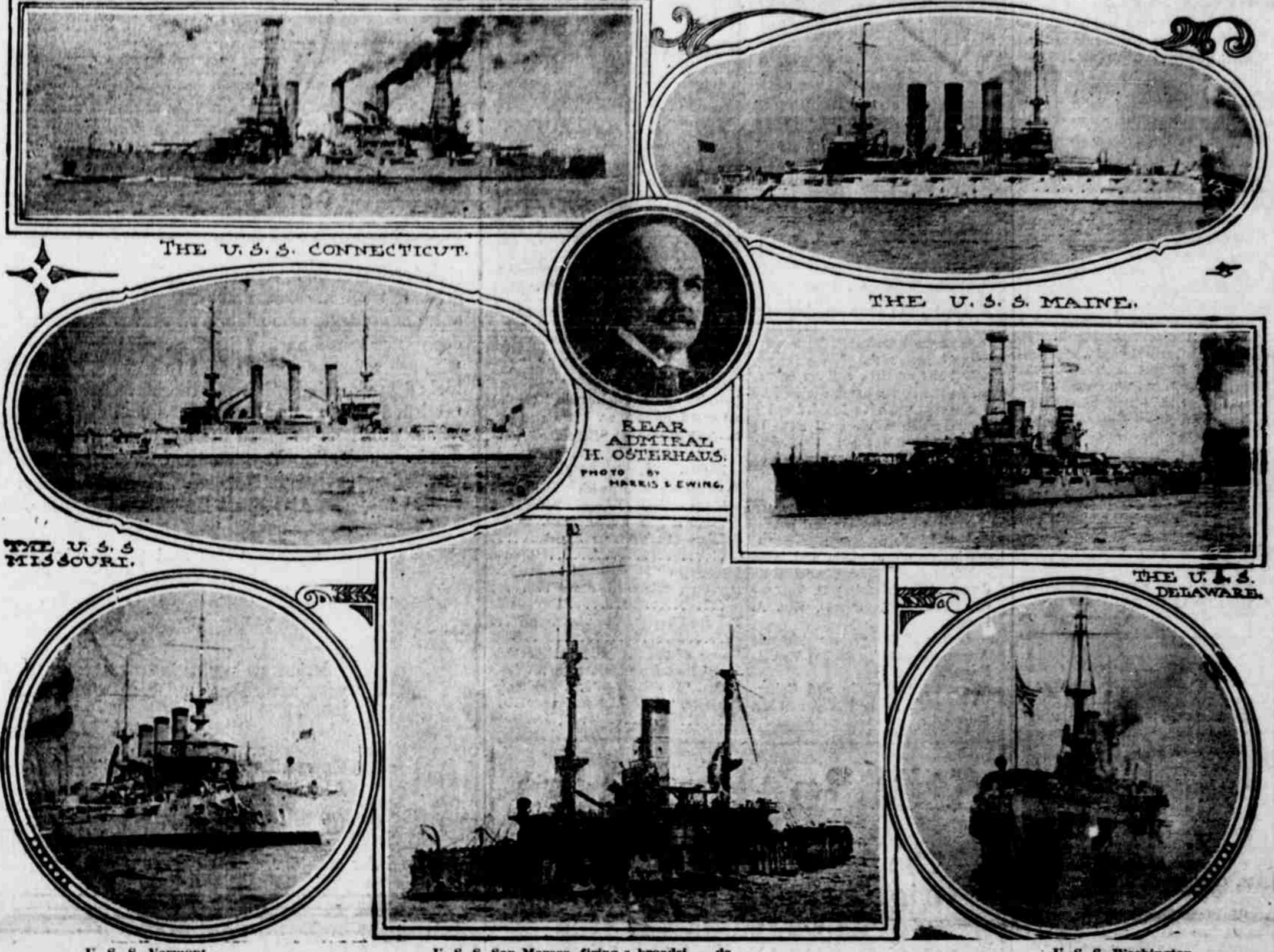
Two messages relating to the trial were received by Judge Watson today. The first was an unsigned letter, written in a scrawling hand, threatening the magistrate with death if he sentenced Beattie to the electric chair. The second message was a telegram from Pittsburg in which the sender, who signed his name, declared he had witnessed the murder.

CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC MERGER EFFECTED

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—Coming closely on the heels of the filing of papers at Sacramento increasing its capital stock to \$1000,000,000 is the announcement that the Pacific Electric Railway company has completed plans to increase its present system, 875 miles of trackage, by 1000 miles. It will be the largest electric system in the world.

If the plans are carried out all cities in southern California from Santa Barbara to San Diego will be linked in a chain of electric lines.

MUNSTER FLEET TO TAKE PART IN SPECTACULAR MIMIC NAVAL WAR OFF CHESAPEAKE CAPES



THE U. S. S. CONNECTICUT.

THE U. S. S. MAINE.

THE U. S. S. MISSOURI.

REAR ADMIRAL H. OSTERHAUS.

THE U. S. S. DELAWARE.

U. S. S. Vermont.

U. S. S. San Marcos, firing a broadside.

U. S. S. Washington.

The most spectacular mimic naval battle ever planned is raging today off the Chesapeake Capes. Today the fleet is attempting to ward off an attack.

TREE IN PARK IS CUT; NO EXCUSE

Whoever Staked Out Site for Carnegie Library Was Guilty of Gross Carelessness—Hundred Year Oak Is Felled.

Whoever staked out the site of the new Carnegie library building in the city park is guilty of gross carelessness.

With plenty of room to avoid doing so the building was placed where it was necessary to cut down one of the largest oaks in the park.

The beauty of the city park depends entirely upon the trees therein. The offense was augmented by the fact that the tree is one planted by the hand of nature and not by that of man. It has stood there for years and had attained a splendid growth, the trunk being about two feet in diameter.

There is no excuse tenable for the cutting of the tree. By moving the building only five or ten feet toward the street the tree could have been saved.

AMERICA PRESENTS GERMANY A STATUE

POTSDAM, Sept. 2.—Emperor William and Congressman Barthold of Missouri were the principal figures today at the presentation to the people of Germany by the people of the United States of a replica of the Von Stenning statue in Washington. Barthold made a speech in voting the \$10,000 statue which was voted by congress and the kaiser responded graciously.

Besides the kaiser, there were present the German crown prince, Premier von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Minister von Kiderlin-Waechter and a brilliant array of generals and public notables.

Look for the ad that describes the place you would like to own.

TREATHENS TO BLOW-UP CANAL

Regiment of Troops Rushed From Texas to Panama on Account of Threats Made by Rival Political Factions on Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—Because of the threats to blow up the Panama canal, the government has decided immediately to despatch the Tenth regiment of infantry to the canal zone. The regiment at present is at the maneuver camp in Texas and will sail on the transport Kilpatrick from Galveston without returning to its home station at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

The threats which have moved the government to action are being made by a faction antagonistic to President Arozemena. It is said that the anti-Arozemena hope that the destruction of the canal would force the United States to intervene and oust the Arozemena faction.

WORKS DESERTS PROGRESSIVES

Insurgent Senator From California Says Taft's Renomination Is Foreordained and That He Will Support Him.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—The progressive element of the republican party in southern California received a jolt today when United States Senator Works predicted that Taft would be re-nominated and that he (Works) would support him in the campaign. Works, however, expressed fears of Taft being re-elected. Works said: "While I should prefer to see the republican nomination go to Senator LaFollette, I am convinced that President Taft's re-nomination is foreor-

UNIONS WEAKEN; STRIKE UNCALLED

Call to Committeemen of Federation Shop Employes on Harriman System Issued for Meeting Tuesday of Next Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—A call to all committeemen of the federation shop employes on the Harriman system to meet here next Tuesday was wired today by President J. W. Kline of the blacksmiths' international union, acting as chairman of the conference of general officers who were denied recognition as a federation by Vice-President and General Manager Kruttschnitt.

The result of the conference will likely determine whether or not a step will be taken to call a strike and also with the possibility of another conference with Kruttschnitt. Thirty-one additional delegates will come to San Francisco from as distant points as New Orleans, Omaha, Denver, Portland, Pocatello and San Diego to meet with the general officers and advisory board. They will canvass the entire situation in the light of the impression made upon the rank and file of the men by Kruttschnitt's refusal to deal with them.

WANTS DAMAGES FOR CRAMPS

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—A National City man bought a mince pie that had spoiled. Result, cramps. Now he wants District Attorney Utley to prosecute.

ded. If insurgency is to accomplish the reforms it advocates it must do so through the republican party. There are those who believe it will serve the purpose to defeat President Taft by the election of a democrat next year. I prefer to believe that we can accomplish our purpose sooner and more satisfactorily through the republican party. While I have disagreed with President Taft on some important questions and still disagree with him on certain matters, I have never had reason to doubt the honesty of his convictions or his patriotism."

OLD DOC COOK IS AFTER PEARY

North Pole Discoverer Claims He Can Produce Proofs Now and That Rival is a Fakir—Has New Evidence.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Reiterating his claims to the discovery of the north pole and declaring he is in a position to prove his case beyond a shadow of a doubt, Dr. Frederick A. Cook today filed sensational charges against Robert E. Peary, the accredited discoverer of the pole, with the international congress of geographic societies.

AVIATOR DROPS 500 FEET TO SEA

Joseph Cummings Falls Into Dorchester Bay and Escapes Unhurt—Eugene Ely Returns Safely—Landed to Repair Motor.

SQUANTUM AVIATION FIELD, BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 2.—Aviator Joseph Cummings dropped into Dorchester Bay today from a height of more than 500 feet but was not seriously hurt. That the birdman was not killed is considered miraculous.

Cummings' escape was the narrowest any aviator could expect to have. Had he been flying over land instead of water, death would have been virtually certain. Eugene Ely, the western aviator whose safety caused some alarm here yesterday afternoon is safe today. When Lincoln Beachey reported Ely's disappearance the latter had landed to fix his motor and had not fallen into the water.

CALL HIGHWAY CONVENTION

Commission Appointed by Governor Summoned to Meet Sept. 12 at Portland—Vawter is Member From Jackson County.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 2.—A call for the statewide highway commission appointed by the governor to meet in Portland September 12 and 13 was sent out today by Chairman Dr. Andrew Smith. The meeting is expected to be the most determinative good roads convention ever held in Oregon. Governor West has made it understood that upon the deliberations of the committee will depend his calling a special session of the legislature to enact highway legislation looking toward the improvement of Oregon roads.

KRUSE MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING FROM HOME

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 2.—Apparently without reason, Theodore Kruse, proprietor of the Belvedere hotel, the Louvre cafe and owner of a lease on the new Ritz-Carlton hotel, left Portland August 21 and has completely dropped from sight. He was last heard of from Seattle when he telegraphed his wife Monday evening that he was "looking for singers for the cafe."

Fearing that he might either have been murdered or fallen victim to some accident, Mrs. Kruse today employed a detective agency to search for Kruse.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 2.—Dr. A. W. McDavid, prominent San Bernardino dentist, held for the action of the superior court on charges of holding Miss Jessie McDonald a captive for fifteen months, has been spirited into Los Angeles and lodged in the county jail.

TRAIN BANDITS SECURE \$7000 NEAR REDDING

Train Fifteen That Left Medford Friday Morning Held Up by Five Men, One a Negro, Express Car Looted and Safe Cracked.

ROBBERS USE AUTOMOBILE TO MAKE ESCAPE GOOD

Two Express Safes Cracked With Dynamite—No One Is Injured.

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 2.—With a six-hour handicap, the five men who robbed the Southern Pacific express train No. 15 of \$7000, 43 miles north of here, are far in the lead of the officers today who are searching the wild country which has been the scene of three daring robberies this summer. That the bandits carry a big sack of coin is admitted by the Wells Fargo Express company, but the exact amount is withheld.

It is believed here today that the men who made good their escape by automobile are the same robbers who successfully evaded the officers after other hold-ups. A negro, who was the only one to wear a mask, was the only new member of the gang.

Robbed Upon Siding.
While the train was on a siding at Gibson, four miles above Lamone, three of the bandits climbed in through the open doors of the express car, covered Messenger Meyers and his helpers with guns. Two men remained outside to keep the coast clear until the train started southward. Engineer Coleman and Conductor Dickey stuck their heads out and were fired at, the shots missing their mark.

As the train traveled at a good speed, the men blew open the two express safes with dynamite, which they handled with accuracy. The explosion hurled wreckage to all parts of the car, but nobody was hurt. The big sack of coin was the only loot taken.

Finger Print Marks.
Wells Fargo agents made careful examination of the shattered safe doors and were successful in obtaining finger mark prints which possibly may lead to the identification of the safe-crackers. Former director of the state identification bureau, Frank H. Dupue, probably will be called upon to assist in identifying the thumb marks, as it is alleged by the officers that the robbery was the work of experienced men.

Officials of the express company said it would be impossible to tell the exact value of the articles taken from the two safes until the amounts can be checked up from Portland, where the goods were shipped. Varying estimates have been made, ranging from \$3000 to \$7000 as the amount of money secured by the bandits.

RAIN IN CASCADES EXTINGUISH FIRES

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 2.—Copious rains in the Cascades west and southwestern Oregon today have done much toward putting an end to the dangerous further spread of the forest fires. It is believed the rain will end the threatened danger of big timber conflagrations this fall.

Reports from Albany state that rain fell plentifully beginning this morning. Like reports have been received from other districts in which fires are raging.

GASOLINE MOTORS TO BE PUT BACK ON LOCAL RUN

The Southern Pacific company announces that next week the gasoline motor formerly in use on the run between Grants Pass and Ashland will again be placed in service, supplanting the local train. The change is due to a growing demand that the company use the motors in preference to the local stub train.