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FIRST STRIKE MAY START TOMORROW

Officials of Illinois Central System Federation Appeals to International Officers Asking Them to Approve a Strike on Railroads.

KRUTTSCHNITT DECLARES NEGOTIATIONS AT END

Southern Pacific Will Have Nothing Further to Say to System Chiefs.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 6.—The first actual strike in the big labor war threatening the western railroads may start tomorrow on the Illinois Central providing the international officers of the federation of shop employees sanction the action of the local men.

Officials of the Illinois Central system federation today appealed to the international officers, now in San Francisco, asking them to approve a strike. The international officers probably will report late this afternoon.

Discussing the position of the Hariman lines as to recognition of the shopmen's federation, General Manager Kruttschnitt on his arrival here today declared his negative answer to the men while he was in San Francisco was final. He said nothing would induce him to change his position.

Kruttschnitt said he had nothing to do with the controversy as affecting the Illinois Central and that he had arranged for no conferences with President Markham of that road.

TWOHY BIDS FOR MACADAM ROAD

County Court Will Take Action Tomorrow in Regard to Bid Offered by Contractor to Build Central Point Road.

The county court will open a bid put in by John Twohy for the construction of a rock macadam road between this city and Central Point early tomorrow and if the bid is deemed a fair one Mr. Twohy will be awarded the work. The new specifications for the improvement of the road provide for the grading to be thirty feet wide with a twenty foot rock macadam roadbed.

Sometime ago the county proposed to improve the road by laying an asphalt macadam. The Clark & Henry Construction company was awarded the contract but later declined to go ahead with the work and accept payment in county warrants. This led the county to change the specifications with the result that John Twohy has bid for the work. The matter will be definitely decided at Thursday's session of the court.

MINNESOTA FARMERS START AFTER TAFT

ST. PAUL, Sept. 6.—Denouncing President Taft, congressmen, senators, the "Interests" and Canadian reciprocity, 1000 farmers gathered at the Minnesota state fair today and perfected an organization that will actively participate in Minnesota politics. The organization may develop into a national movement for the benefit of agriculturists.

The leaders today declared that the farmers control one-third of the country's vote and should stand together, irrespective of parties.

ELSAN, Ill.—With the understanding that they would marry if each proved satisfactory to the other, Wilson D. Sherman of Williamsport, Pa., and Miss Maude Sherman, kept house three days at her mother's home.

WAR PANIC ALONG BORDER OF GERMANY

Statement of Government That Amicable Agreement With France Has Been Reached Does Not Quiet Excitement—Runs Made on Banks.

FRENCH PAPERS ASSERT SETTLEMENT EFFECTED

France Given Position Desired in Morocco and Germany Economic Equality.

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—Excitement which almost approached panic reigns throughout the provinces of Germany today as the result of the war scare. The rush of depositors to withdraw their money from banks in Metz, Stettin and other places is growing hourly and thousands of those with small amounts in banks are withdrawing them.

Fearing that the panic will extend here, the Berlin bankers today determined to insist on legal notice being given before they will allow withdrawals. All along the Franco-German frontier the residents are wildly excited and the assurance of the government that no war is probable are failing to allay the excitement in the least.

PARIS, Sept. 6.—That practical settlement of the dispute in Moroccan conditions has been reached is the claim made this afternoon in the Temps. The paper says:

"If the information received from a reliable source can be believed, Germany is disposed to accord to France the position she desires in Morocco—the establishment of a virtual protectorate through support of the Sultan. Territorial compensation it is believed, will not provoke further trouble as France is willing to guarantee Germany economic equality in Morocco."

PARIS, Sept. 6.—France and Germany have practically effected a settlement of the Moroccan dispute and the details of the agreement reached will go made public shortly, according to a leading article in the Figaro today.

Other papers reflect the same opinion but incidentally add that it may be just as well for France to keep the troops and warships in readiness for emergency.

GEM THEIVES CONFESS PLOTS

Amazing History of Depredations in Europe and America, Including Murders, Dynamiting and Robberies Related.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 6.—Captured at Trieste and brought here today for trial on the charge of having robbed the Ullian jewelry store of \$15,000 worth of jewelry in February, 1910, Jacob and Joseph Goldberg told the detectives an amazing history of anarchistic depredations in America and Europe, detailing murders, dynamiting and robberies.

The prisoners promised to tell later the inside story of the Houndsditch and Steine Morison murders in London a year ago, resulting in the calling out of troops and a sensational street fight in which the anarchists headquarters were finally burned.

According to the confessions today two men electrocuted at Charlestown for complicity in the Forest Hill murders here three years ago were members of a gang sworn to fight organized law and society in every way possible. They declare that robbery was only a secondary motive, asserting that many places were dynamited and no attempt made to rob. The men claim to have \$60,000 in cash hidden in Europe.

The Goldberg brothers were arraigned today before Judge Lawton and pleaded not guilty to the Ullian robbery charge. They were held to the higher court with bonds at \$45,000 each. They were unable to furnish securities so were sent to jail.

Short Talks on Proposed Road Bond Issue

NO. 1—NO EXPENSE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

In 1910, with an assessed valuation for taxable purposes, of all property in Jackson county of thirty-five million dollars, the county authorities spent for roads, highways and bridges the sum of \$96,974.72; for the year 1911 the assessed valuation, judging from the as yet incomplete returns of the assessor, will probably be about \$40,000,000; the increase being principally in railroad and city property. Figuring on the same basis of expenditure as in 1910, the road fund will amount to \$110,828.25, which amount, of course, would be raised without increasing the rate of taxation over 1910.

With a constant immigration of newcomers into our community, increasing yearly the number of individual taxpayers, and with the consequent improvement of all classes of property, we may confidently expect a gradual yearly increase in the assessed valuation of taxable property in the county, and without increasing the present rate of taxation, there will be yearly available a larger and larger amount of money for the road fund.

If the bond issue carries at the coming election, and we secure this large amount of money for immediate use in building a magnificent system of good roads, we will then have to pay annually for twenty years a fixed charge of one hundred thousand dollars, not subject to any increase at any time, which sum will not only pay the semi-annual interest on the bonds, but will also provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the entire principal of the bonds at maturity.

The annual interest charge on the entire issue of bonds will be seventy-five thousand dollars, when all of the work has been completed, and all of the bonds have been sold, which it is estimated will require at least three years from the time the work is started and the first issue of bonds sold. During this period of three years, while only part of the bonds are drawing interest, there will be large payments into the sinking fund each year out of the hundred thousand dollars devoted to the purposes of interest and sinking fund, and after the entire lot has been issued, and the interest charge grows to the full seventy-five thousand dollars yearly, there will still be an annual addition to the sinking fund of the balance of twenty-five thousand dollars.

There will be the item of premiums realized on the sale of the bonds themselves, conservatively estimated at not less than fifty thousand dollars; this would be added to the amount in the sinking fund. All of this money placed in the sinking fund would be immediately available for loaning out to the farmers of Jackson county on real estate security, at a rate of interest not higher than six per cent; the annual additions and the interest earnings at this rate, compounded, being sufficient to provide the required sum of a million and a half to redeem the bonds at maturity.

So we will have paid for our roads, under the bond issue, a fixed amount of only one hundred thousand dollars a year in taxes for twenty years, as against a constantly increasing amount annually under any other plan, starting, as we have seen, with a levy of 1911 at one hundred and ten thousand odd dollars, and adding to it every year indefinitely, with only makeshift roads to show for it.

HAD MONEY TO BRIBE; NO BAIL

Peter Bozus Is Locked Up, Being Unable to Raise \$2000 Bond Fixed by Judge Calkins—Will Enter His Plea Tomorrow Morning.

Three indictments were returned Tuesday afternoon by the grand jury for the attempted bribery of District Attorney Mulkey by John Demus, John Sapolis and Peter Bozus, who sought to have the case against Bozus' brother, who is charged with murder, dismissed by Mulkey for a money consideration. The indictment against Demus, however, was dismissed on motion of the district attorney, as it developed that he was not a party to the attempt to bribe, but accompanied the others out of curiosity.

Bozus and Sapolis were arraigned Wednesday morning and will enter their pleas Thursday morning. Sapolis was released on a bail of \$500, while Bozus is confined in the county jail, not being able to secure bail, the sum being set at \$2000.

No indictment was returned by the grand jury against Mike Spanos, who accompanied the young men to Jacksonville to call on Mr. Mulkey, as he had nothing to do with the offering of the money.

The case will be tried next week.

THOUGHT FISH COMMISSIONER BIGGER MAN THAN PRESIDENT

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Sept. 6.—Jack Marinovitch, fisherman, is not a citizen of the United States today because he thought that the office of fish commissioner is the highest in America, exceeding in authority that of president.

Judge E. S. Crow told Marinovitch to go home and study American government for another month.

PORTLAND, Or.—"My son is husky, but he can't lick the whole community," wrote Mrs. L. M. Devlin, a widow, who just arrived from Los Angeles. The boy, who is 15, will be protected by the police when he returns from the country, where he is recuperating from nine victorious battles.

Horn is said to have a bad record at Canby, Or., where he was indicted for an assault on a young girl. He is also said to have jumped a bail of \$1000.

NAME COMMISSION THIS AFTERNOON

County Court Meets in Regular Session and Will Soon Take Action in Regard to Appointment of Highway Commission.

This afternoon or tomorrow the county court will announce the names of the men chosen to act as a highway commission and advise the county court in the expenditure of the \$1,500,000 bond issue, which is to be voted on at the last of this month. The commissioners and Judge Nell will give considerable time to a discussion of the matter and reach some decision in regard to the matter.

The county court met in regular session this morning, but spent the opening hours of the session in auditing bills. They will not reach the matter of naming a commission for some time, probably late this afternoon. The judge and Commissioner Davis have each prepared a list, while Commissioner Owens has a number to suggest. It is not believed that the three will have any difficulty in getting together in regard to the matter.

HORN MUST PLEAD MONDAY

Man Charged With Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor at Ashland Is Indicted by Grand Jury—Has Bad Record.

M. F. Horn must face trial in the circuit court on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Horn's offense is said to have been committed at Ashland, where he is reported to have endeavored to induce several young girls to accompany him to a secluded spot. He was indicted Tuesday afternoon by the grand jury. He will be arraigned and plead next Monday in the circuit court.

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JOY RIDE ENDS AT CITY JAIL

Three Young Men Take Three Girls and Spend Night at Grants Pass—Must Explain Their Actions to Mayor Canon.

Because they took an automobile without permission and took three young girls to Grants Pass, where they kept them over night, Albert Noah, Ed Massie and a young man known as "Chan" will appear before the mayor this afternoon on a charge of disorderly conduct. As the three girls who accompanied them are over 16 years of age, the young men will escape prosecution on a statutory charge, but must explain their action to the mayor.

Two of the girls who accompanied the young men are just 16 years of age, the third being 17. They met the young men Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock and the crowd is said to have gone to Grants Pass, where they spent the night, returning Wednesday about noon. The girls told their parents that the machine had broken down and that they had spent the night at a farmer's home.

The machine which the young men took belonged to Frank Hull. Noah has been a driver for Mr. Hull and told him that he had a party to take out. On his return he told Hull that the trip was his own. Mr. Hull states that as the young men are in enough trouble, that he will not press this charge.

LOS ANGELES BANK VOLUNTARILY LIQUIDATES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 6.—John Wilson, special examiner for the Los Angeles clearing association today is in complete charge of the Oil and Metals bank and according to announcement will complete arrangements for its liquidation.

It was stated that there was no run on the bank and that every depositor is being paid promptly. The bank according to President L. L. Elliott, is not in financial difficulty and the liquidation is voluntary.

RE-ELECTION OF TAFT PREDICTED BY WILSON
LINCOLN, NEB., Sept. 6.—Strong laudation of President Taft with a prediction that his re-election is almost certain was voiced here today by Secretary James Wilson of the agricultural department. Speaking at the state fair, Wilson said:

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTER FOR LOCAL BRIDGE

Beezer Bros., John Twohy, John Maney and Others Are Ready to Bid on Construction of New Structure—Officials Eager.

TWO SETS OF PLANS ARE NOW BEFORE COURT

Chief Engineer Gerig of Pacific & Eastern Says There Is Yet Time to Build Bridge.

With Beezer Bros., John D. Twohy, John Maney and one or two others ready to undertake the construction of the new bridge over Bear creek, with the members of the county court and city council eager to find some manner in which to get the work completed this fall, it begins to look as if the new structure to replace the present one over Bear creek will be built this fall. A report to the effect that Chief Engineer Gerig would enjoin the county from proceeding on the grounds that there is a great probability of the bridge being checked in course of construction by high water was exploded today, when Mr. Gerig stated that he still believed that there is plenty of time to complete the work before high water sets in.

At present there are two sets of plans for the bridge being considered. One set is the original plans which are known to be good, and the other is a set drawn by Beezer Bros. The latter shows a far more slightly bridge, but a question has arisen as to its strength. As soon as these specifications are gone over by a competent bridge engineer and approved they will be acceptable to the county court.

The county court met in regular session this morning and one of the matters they will discuss will be the bridge. Every effort is to be made to have the matter arranged so that the bridge will be constructed.

John Twohy and John Manely, both contractors of note, are here to bid on the construction of the bridge, so if a contract is let it will be speedily fulfilled.

RAILROAD FIGHTS FOR LAND GRANT

Southern Pacific to Make Stiff Fight to Retain Possession of Southern Oregon Property—Files Answer to Government's Suit.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 6.—The answer just filed by the Southern Pacific to the federal government's suit for the recovery of 2,373,000 acres of land in Southern Oregon, on the grounds that the company has no right to the lands because it violated provisions of the grant, indicates that the railroad will up a strong fight to retain possession on the assertion that the government accepted taxes on the unsold portions of the tracts and for forty years failed to protest the patenting of the lands in question.

The lands included in the grant are valued at approximately \$70,000,000. The government alleges that the company forfeited possession when it sold the land in larger quantities than 160 acres and at more than \$2.50 an acre, as provided for when the grant was made.

SEATTLE TO ASK BIDS ON CITY TRACTION LINE

SEATTLE, Wn., Sept. 6.—Councilman Oliver T. Erickson has introduced a resolution directing the board of public works to call for bids for the construction of the proposed municipal car line. The city railway will extend from the north to the south city limits and will cost \$600,000. Construction probably will begin within the next few months.

BEATTIE SURE OF ACQUITTAL BY THE JURY

Prisoner Predicts That He Will Eat Sunday Dinner at Home—Lawyers Wrestle Over Court's Instructions to the Jury.

BEULAH BINFORD SURE OF BEATTIE'S INNOCENCE

Woman in Case to Be Released From Custody and Goes to New York.

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Va., Sept. 6.—For the first time since he was arrested for the alleged murder of his wife, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., today asked for the dead woman's baby. "I would like to kiss the youngster," he said. "I have not seen him since they put me in here."

The baby is at Dover, Del., its grandmother's home, and, of course, could not be brought to its father.

With all testimony in the case in, the jury spent today strolling about the grounds of the courthouse here while the lawyers and Judge Watson are in Richmond wrestling over legal arguments in the hope of influencing the judge's charge. Chesterfield is deserted by the crowds which since the trial have flocked daily to the spectacle, eager to enjoy every detail of the most sensational murder trial Virginia has seen for decades.

Beulah in Cell. Beulah Binford, the woman in the case, is still here in her cell. She is bitterly disappointed at being balked of the limelight in which she expected to shine as a witness.

"They were afraid to put me on the stand," she cried in her cell today. "They knew I would tell the truth and they were afraid of the truth. I could not believe that Henry killed his wife. I knew Paul Beattie lied. Why don't they let me out of jail? The trial is over and they can't use me any more. Someone will suffer for this."

Arguments in the case will be begun tomorrow.

Beattie Sure of Safety.

Apparently firm in the belief that his acquittal is a certainty, Beattie said this afternoon: "I will dine at home Sunday with my father, brother and sister. I have no doubt a verdict will be returned Saturday night, and I am certain that the jury believed my story. We have arranged the family dinner to celebrate my release."

"I'd give a million dollars to see Henry eat his Sunday dinner at home with his family. I believe he's innocent. No one knowing him as well as I could believe otherwise."

With the above words, Beulah Binford today announced her belief that Henry Clay, Jr., was not guilty of the murder of his wife. Although Beattie, in testifying, classed her among the lowest of the low, the girl apparently bears no resentment.

Told by her mother that Judge Watson and the attorneys for both the defense and prosecution had agreed to her release from jail tomorrow, Beulah said: "I'll take the first boat from Norfolk for New York."

SEARCH FOR MONA LISA IN PROGRESS IN AMERICA

OLD ORCHARD, Me., Sept. 6.—The famous painting "Mona Lisa," which was stolen from the Louvre in Paris, is now being conducted in this country.

Information leaking from the custom house today says the picture is believed to have entered America through a Canadian port and to have been shipped west, where a millionaire is said to be negotiating for it.

WASHINGTON PROPERTY WORTH NEARLY BILLION

OLYMPIA, Wn., Sept. 6.—The total value of real and personal property in Washington is \$812,575,521, according to a report just issued by Secretary Koors of the state tax commission. This represents an increase of 3 per cent over 1910, or \$21,664,192.