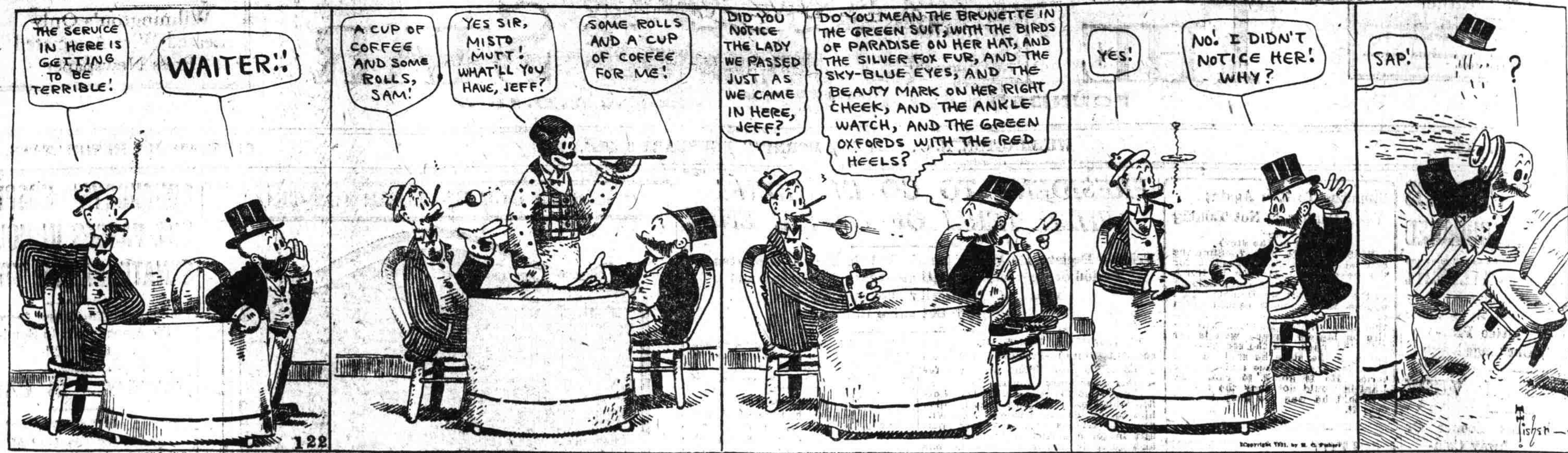


MUTT AND JEFF—Outside of getting an eyeful, Jeff didn't even see the lady.



CHARGES ENLIVEN RAIL BOARD MEET

Independents Heard and Bitter Allegations Are Laid Before Members

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Numerous arguments between witnesses and the chair enlivened the session today of the United States railroad labor board hearing the railroad employes' application for the continuation of national agreements.

After a lively session in which three independents finished their evidence, the board adjourned to take up the remaining independent organizations tomorrow.

Declaring that his organization had been denied a part in formulating the national agreements, P. F. Richardson, president of the American Federation of railroad workers, charged violation of the transportation act and sought relief from "these tyrannical conditions."

Charges of conspiracy and discrimination were hurled against those instrumental in fixing rules governing certain employes of the Pennsylvania lines by John G. R. Austin, president of the order of railroad telegraphers, dispatchers, agents and signalmen.

An attempt to read an American Federation of Labor bulletin denouncing Mr. Richardson and his organization was stopped by the chair, who referred the board's decision to the organizations for jurisdiction.

"I merely wanted to clear up the record on the statement of brotherhood officers that they represent all employes," Mr. Richardson said.

"By admitting you as a party to this hearing, you both get a hearing and then surely we will have all employes," said Richardson.

Mr. Richardson accepted the chair's dictum, but insisted that "many railroads had deprived the federation of due representation notwithstanding the law."

A schedule put into effect in 1910 was annulled by certain acts of the federal administration, which caused dissatisfaction among members of his organization, Mr. Austin told the board.

Teacher And Seven Boys Are Killed By Explosion

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill., Feb. 7.—Eight persons are dead and another probably fatally injured as the result of the explosion of a can of nitro glycerine at Cross Roads school two miles west of here, shortly after noon today.

The explosion occurred at the noon recess, when one of the boys found the can near the school. Not knowing it contained an explosive, he playfully tossed it to a companion and the blast followed.

Officials of Lawrence county expressed the belief that the explosive inadvertently was left where found by workmen in the oil fields near here, as nitro glycerine is used in "shooting" wells.

The dead are Emmett Bunyan, 20 years old, the teacher, and the following pupils: Raymond Groves, 9; Howard Lett, 7; Thomas Lett, his brother, 12; Charles Welton, 5; Robert McCasland, 12; Elmer Mellett, 10; and Richard Peters, 7.

Lester Groves, 11, a brother of Raymond Groves, is expected to recover from his injuries. Several other children received minor injuries in the explosion which occurred when one of the boys attempted to cut the top from the can.

Bunyan and five of the boys were killed instantly and the other two died several hours afterwards. The injured were taken to their homes and hospitals in Vincennes, Ind.

RATS ARE SLAUGHTERED BY KINSTON CHILDREN

Nearly Thousand Perish in Week of Campaign

(Special to The Star)

KINSTON, Feb. 7.—In the first week of the campaign on rats here school children accounted for nearly 1,000 of the rodents. It was announced today by the chamber of commerce, in charge of the "rat killing," a class of very small youngsters at the Lewis primary school led the schools.

More interest was manifested with the announcement of results, and the number should be trebled, possibly quadrupled, this week, it is believed.

Authorities here have manifested no disposition to encourage or discourage the Ku Klux Klan, which has exhibited fifty-nine tails. Merchants, householders and others killed rats in considerable numbers, no statistics being available for these.

The results to date mean a saving of thousands of dollars to the city, the chamber of commerce declared, asserting that each female rat and progeny will destroy \$250 worth of property this year, most frequently by carrying grain, etc., but not infrequently by means of fire. The drive will continue three weeks.

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HULL OF POLAR SHIP NEARING COMPLETION

Craft Expected Soon to Be Ready for Voyage Into Arctic Region

EAST BOOTHBAY, Me., Feb. 7.—Work is almost completed on the hull of the Bowdoin in which Dr. Donald B. MacMillan, explorer, will make his next dash into the Arctic regions. The launching of the schooner will take place in the early spring and the vessel will be in shape to depart from this port by May 1.

Dr. MacMillan is perfecting plans for an expedition to begin next summer, which will include an attempt to circumnavigate Baffin Land and penetrate its western coast, 1,000 miles in length, said to be the longest stretch of unknown coast line in the world.

The Bowdoin, which is being built on the sturdy lines used in an exploration vessel to withstand the ice grind, is of the knockabout fishing schooner type. It will be 88 feet in length, 20 feet wide, and equipped with 45 horsepower oil burning engines. Three-inch oak plank material is being used for the hull.

Before his departure for the far north Dr. MacMillan will make an exhibition cruise along the coast during May and June.

BRIT ON BATHING BEACH

WIPAC, PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 6.—The British battleship Hood, headed in too close to the breakers line at Lake Worth bathing beach and brought up "all standing" within a stone's throw of the life lines, where hundreds were in bathing.

On his visits here, Dr. MacMillan chats freely about his "plans and several hardy mariners have begged to be allowed to accompany him.

The ship's objective is to present a flag to fly from the fore peak of the Bowdoin.

DIED AT HIS WHEEL

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 6.—Aubrey W. Anderson, prominent automobile man, died at the steering wheel of his machine this afternoon while driving on the highway near here.

MRS. WORRELL DEAD

FLORENCE, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Amanda Worrell died at her home here Friday night at the age of 81 years.

HEDDON AND APPLEBY

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 7.—Charles Heddon, of Dowagiac, Mich., and Edgar T. Appleby, of New York, were the winners of the afternoon matches of the national amateur 18.2 ball line billiard championship tournament which opened here today.

BANK ROBBED

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 7.—Burglars who this morning robbed the bank of Sussex and Surry at Wakefield, Sussex county thirty miles west of Norfolk are believed to have headed for the North Carolina border in a Ford touring car which was missing from the town today.

OPPOSE MOVIE BILL

RALEIGH, Feb. 7.—Thomas Dixon, novelist and playwright formerly a member of the general assembly of North Carolina and a Baptist minister in Raleigh, will come to Raleigh within the next few days in opposition to a legislative bill drawn by the legislative council of women and aimed at the establishment of moving picture censorship in North Carolina.

HARDING'S HOUSEBOAT STUCK AGAIN--OR YET

Victoria Puts Her Nose in Sand Bar and Stays Right There

DAYTONA, Fla., Feb. 7.—The fortunes of house-boating played against President-elect Harding again today and he spent the night ashore here, no nearer the end of his vacation cruise than he was 24 hours ago.

Meantime, his houseboat Victoria, mazy hours behind her schedule, reposed in the middle of Mosquito Lagoon, below New Smyrna, with her nose caught fast on top of a sand bar which at low tide protruded a foot above the surface of the Indian river.

PRINCESS TO VISIT

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Princess Mary is expected to pay a short visit to Christiania early in the spring to stay with her aunt, the queen of Norway. This will be the first occasion on which the princess has been seen on a continental tour.

FRATERNITY REINSTATED

CLINTON, S. C., Feb. 6.—Beta chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi collegiate fraternity was reinstated at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina here last night. The chapter was forced out in 1912 following anti-fraternity legislation by the state general assembly but has been reinstated with the approval of the college president and trustees.

CHIEF CLAIM REFUSED

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 6.—Maj. Herbert L. Bryans, medical reserve corps, U. S. A., who served 23 months with the British army and was with the 10th British division at the third battle of Ypres, has been appointed chief medical referee of claims, bureau of war risk insurance, it became known here tonight. Major Bryans leaves tomorrow for Washington.

DANTE COURSE GIVEN FOR UNIVERSITY BOYS

Prof. Grandgent of Harvard Is Visiting Lecturer

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 7.—Professor Charles H. Grandgent, head of the department of romance languages at the University of Harvard, is at the University of North Carolina and will spend the week here in conducting a brief, intensive course for advanced students in language and literature on "Dante and His Relation to Human Thought."

Professor Grandgent is following the policy adopted by the English department of bringing to the university every year one of the country's leading scholars for a week's work with special students. He will give lectures every afternoon to a selected group of students who have been required to do a certain amount of reading in preparation for his lectures.

Three more original North Carolina folk plays will be produced by the Carolina Playmakers at their playhouse in Chapel Hill, February 11 and 12. The plays chosen are "The Vamp," "The Miser," "The Old Man of Edenton," and "The Old Man of the Sea." The plays were written by Paul E. Greene, of Lillington, who has been one of the most successful of the local playwrights.

The entire production of the plays will be handled by the Playmakers, including the staging, scenery, lighting, costumes, and acting. It is probable, the Playmakers have announced, that a road trip will be taken later in the spring to Greensboro, Salisbury, High Point, Charlotte, Raleigh, Goldsboro, and other cities where folk plays have been presented in their theaters.

Reorganization of correspondence courses and market increases in the number of courses offered North Carolina for home study by the university have been announced by the bureau of extension, Chester D. Snell, newly appointed assistant director of the bureau, who is in charge of the work has said that the change will go into effect March 1.

A. C. L. NOTES BETTER SHIPPING BUSINESS

Lumber Shipments Show Marked Improvement

Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, at the general offices of the system here, are expressing themselves as being highly pleased with a change for the better that the freight business of the company has shown during the past few days.

They are unusually gratified because of the increased shipments of lumber being made on their lines in this territory.

It is understood that during the last few days there has been a large amount of lumber, milled and rough, moved in the Wilmington district, which would indicate that some of the lumber mills, which have been closed down for months on account of poor business, have resumed operation and are receiving orders.

CHARLES HOLDS TITLE

VIENNA, Feb. 7.—The former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, now in exile in Switzerland, claims to his title of royalty, though he is now a ruler without a country.

Acknowledging a message of greeting from a former Hungarian minister in Budapest, Charles' secretary replied that "His Apostolic Majesty" reciprocated the expressions of good-will both in his own name and in that of the queen.

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JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN GUARDSMAN'S TRIAL

Six Stood for Conviction of Lancaster

HAMILTON, Ala., Feb. 7.—Following dismissal of the jury in the trial of Sergeant Robert G. Lancaster today, prosecuting attorneys announced that the national guardsmen charged with participation in the lynching of William Baird at Jasper on January 13, would be placed on trial again the last week in this month if arrangements can be completed by that time.

The jury stood six for conviction, five for acquittal and one could not make up his mind during the thirty-nine hours the jury considered the case. Ballot after ballot was taken, but the jurors clung to their original position and the passing of time had no effect on their decision.

Chief Prosecuting Officer Horace C. Wilkinson announced later in the day that the state would ask for another trial for Lancaster as soon as Sergeant Glenn R. Stephens, accused of complicity in the lynching, has been tried. A venire of one hundred men has already been ordered into court for this trial, which has been set for Monday, February 21.

SUSPECTING HOLD-UP, NEGRO FIRES AT FRITZ

Believing that he had been held up, when in reality Fritz Hanson, the well known wrestler, simply stopped the wagon to beg a match on the South Hill road last night about 11 o'clock, Pickett, an elderly negro, fired a shot to scare Mr. Hanson away.

Mr. Hanson, who was out, along with his wife and two guests, reported to the police station later in the night that the negro shot after saying "I haven't got a match." However, shortly afterwards, Dr. Robinson, a justice of the peace at Kirkland, contacted the police station with Joe Pickett and Arthur Pickett, who, Dr. Robinson said, came to him and reported that they had been held up twice last night.

The police believe that Joe Pickett thought Mr. Hanson was holding him up, and that the negro simply tried to scare Mr. Hanson away.

Advertisement for Chamberlain's Tablets. Text: "When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. There is nothing better." Image: A man in a suit looking unwell, holding his head.

Advertisement for Miller & Rhoads. Text: "Announcing—The Modes of Spring! SPRING in all the joyousness of new life and bright days is reflected in the dashing newness of our latest arrivals in Frocks, Wraps, Suits, Blouses, Skirts, Hats. The young Miss and the Woman of mature years will find not quite full assortments, as yet, but a gratifyingly select number of the newest modes in each line, suited to their individual requirements. February—the Great Month of SILKS! For many years 'Miller & Rhoads Silks' have been famous throughout the South—for their style, no less than for their excellence of quality. In order to secure the most fashionable of these new fabrics for the development of dress plans for the coming season, also to obtain advantage of the new lower prices, the Store should be visited as early this month as practicable. The New 1921 Silks, likewise Woolen Dress Goods, Dress Trimmings, Etc., are now ready for inspection, in very large and satisfying varieties. You are Invited to Visit Richmond! MERCHANDISE of all kinds—especially Silks, Woolen and Cotton fabrics—is rapidly finding a very reasonable and consistent price level; so much so, in fact, that it is now questionable whether these lines will go any lower for sometime, if at all. However, we do not think it is practical to issue a Catalog this season, as all lines have not, as yet, been adjusted. For this reason we urge patrons to visit the Store as often as possible and take advantage of the changed price conditions as they manifest themselves from week to week. We are always glad to send samples of all yard goods, and prices of any merchandise in which one may be interested. Miller & Rhoads. The Shopping Center Miller & Rhoads Richmond, Va." Image: A woman in a dress.