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Montreal, July 22.—Vice President Murdock of the Order of Trainmen has wired the department of labor at Ottawa, accepting Minister King's suggestion for arbitration of the strike by a board to be named by the government.

Toronto, July 22.—Grand Trunk railway passenger trains were running close to schedule time today. Officials announced that they would begin the immediate active operations in the handling of freight.

Montreal, July 22.—Difficulties besetting the formation of arbitration proposals satisfactory both to the Grand Trunk Line railway officials and leaders of the striking conductors and trainmen occupied the attention of government officials today. The strikers are confident of winning the fight.

A proposition to arbitrate to the Grand Trunk railway company and the chairman of its striking trainmen came from W. L. Mackenzie, minister of labor, coupled with the intimation that if both parties would accept the award to be binding the government would defray the incidental expenses. Speedy answers were requested.

That of the company was mailed to the minister at Ottawa but Mr. Hayes declined to say what it was. Vice President Murdock, who sent the reply for the trainmen, used the telegraph and gave out the document soon after.

Mr. Murdock frankly confessed that he does not believe that there is anything to be gained by discussing arbitration and points out that the men have offered to submit to arbitration and arbitrators to be E. E. Clark, of the United States Interstate commerce commission, and P. H. Morrises, president of the Railway Employees association, who arbitrated the same question in the case of some 14 roads in the same territory. The Grand Trunk refused to accept this, says Mr. Murdock, and adds that the men are still willing to renew the offer even though the time appears to have passed when arbitration should be considered. On Murdock's telegram a prominent Grand Trunk official made this comment: "They want to arbitrate if they are permitted to name the arbitrators and fix the award in advance."

May Be International Complications. Washington, July 22.—Federal government officials are watching developments in the Grand Trunk system strike. In anticipation of international complications. Nothing has happened yet to warrant federal interference.

PRESIDENT'S VACATION BECOMING STRENUOUS

He Makes an Informal Little Speech in Bar Harbor and Praises the Air of That Place.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 22.—President Taft's vacation cruise is becoming strenuous. After a morning of golf came a speaking at noon to townspeople, followed by a ten miles coach ride to Mrs. Mark Hanna's home at Seal Harbor, for luncheon.

Mr. Taft's speech was informal. He congratulated his hearers that they were privileged to live in Bar Harbor, declaring the three days he had spent here red letter days in his life.

"The air," said the president, "is like champagne in a prohibition state." The crowd cheered the sentiment and smiled. "And without the uncomfortable consequences that follow the consumption of that liquid," added Mr. Taft.

The president dwelt upon the necessity of vacation. "The American people have found out there is such a thing as exhausting the capital of one's health and constitution," he said.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather with moderate temperature tonight and Saturday. For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature. Light variable winds.

Three Men Drowned. Montreal, July 22.—Three men were drowned when a skiff upset at Maple Grove, today.

BANANA GROWERS LOSING HEAVILY

Complete Tie-up of Steamship Service Cuts Off Means of Marketing Fruit.

Washington, July 22.—Crossing diplomatic swords with Norway, the state department, replying to protests from New Orleans commercial interests against the Norwegian recognition of Bluefields, Nicaragua, blockade, today declared Bluefields to be an open port.

New Orleans, July 22.—All efforts to secure vessels for service between this port and Bluefields, Nicaragua, have failed according to an announcement made at the offices of Bluefields Steamship company last night. With three of its steamers tied up here as a result of the order of the Norwegian government, recognizing Bluefields as a closed port of entry, the Bluefields Steamship company has tried every means possible to procure one or more steamers of some other than Norwegian register to engage in the New Orleans-Nicaragua trade.

Last night the Hiram, one of the three steamers which had been tied up as a result of Norway's practical recognition of the Madrid government, cleared for Ceiba, Honduras. Before its departure 124 cases of ammunition, which had been put on board for conveyance to Bluefields, were unloaded. The Hiram sailed in ballast. The Bluefields company announces that the Hiram will take on a cargo of fruit at Ceiba and will proceed from there to Mobile.

The suspension of all traffic between New Orleans and Bluefields following the announcement of the Norwegian government may result in serious consequences to the E. Trade forces. General Sussman, nominal consul of the Estrada government at New Orleans, asserts, however, that the insurgent forces are plentifully supplied with supplies and ammunition.

With no means of conveying the fruit to the American market the banana growers of the east coast of Nicaragua are said to be experiencing very heavy losses. Commercial houses in New Orleans, engaged in trade with the east coast of Nicaragua, have suffered heavy losses as the result of the enforced cutting off of shipments from here, and it is probable that local commercial exchanges will consider the matter tomorrow with a view of making a further appeal to the state department at Washington.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. Every Man Who Could Have Explained It Was Killed in the Explosion at Fortress Monroe.

Fortress Monroe, Va., July 22.—The exact cause of the breech explosion of a big gun in target practice yesterday, which killed 11 men and wounded half a dozen others, is not known, although a board of inquiry was appointed immediately after the accident by the war department in Washington.

Colonel C. P. Townsley, commandant of the fort, promptly ordered an investigation. While no decision has yet been reached, Colonel Townsley advanced this theory of the disaster. "It is evident," he said, "that the explosion occurred during the insertion of the breech block into the breech of the gun and before it had been rotated and locked in place. The safety devices on the gun are intended to make a premature discharge impossible. Just how they failed to operate probably never will be known to a certainty. Every member of the detachment who could explain it was killed."

Stories of Valor and Sacrifice. Washington, July 22.—Stories of valor and sacrifice in time of suffering and confusion were detailed to General Wood, chief of staff of the army, and other officials of the war department today upon the return to Washington of the officers who yesterday witnessed the explosion of a big gun, in the first minute of battle practice at Fortress Monroe, which resulted in eleven deaths.

General Wood sent a telegram to Fortress Monroe, expressing sympathy with the bereaved and suffering and his appreciation of the excellent conduct of the officers and enlisted men.

Until the investigating board's official report is received, the exact cause of the accident will remain a question of conjecture. The officers are satisfied that there was tension on the lanyard, which resulted in the explosion before the breech block had been rotated into place. It is believed that the safety devices intended to make such accidents impossible failed to work.

No Additional Deaths. Fortress Monroe, Va., July 22.—No additional deaths are expected as the result of yesterday's explosion. The surgeons at the post hospital express the opinion that the six injured men will recover. Awaiting word from relatives of the 11 men killed, the bodies are being held at the morgue.

The board of inquiry investigating the cause of the explosion has not completed its work, but may make report to Washington tomorrow.

CHARLES BRYANT HAS DISAPPEARED

Manager of Wiley Black's Dixie Cafe Suddenly Departed With a Goodly Amount of Cash.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Gates, Hendersonville, July 22. The police of Hendersonville are today searching for one Charlie Bryant, who has suddenly disappeared, and, it is alleged, has taken along with him some \$400 in cash. Bryant, a young man of this city, and well thought of, was manager of Wiley Black's Dixie cafe, which had for some time been conducted in connection with the restaurant, a near-beer establishment.

It is said that Bryant has gone to Oklahoma. Mr. Black was here last night looking after his affairs.

DEFINITE ACTION IS EXPECTED SOON

Board of Trade and Merchants' Association Considering the Railway Extension Proposition.

Something definite in the way of action, favorable or unfavorable to the extension of the Asheville & East Tennessee railway from Weaverville through to connect with the C. C. & O. and the proposition of the Knoxville and Greenville line as outlined by Mr. Patterson some months ago to the board of trade and Retail Merchants association, is expected within a short while. At the meeting of the directors of the board of trade Wednesday afternoon Judge Pritchard brought up the railroad matter and it was discussed in an informal way. The opinion of those present was that the line from Weaverville into the rich Yancey county section should be finished at the earliest possible moment and that it was the one line at present most needed into the city.

The matter of railway facilities came up before the all-members meeting of the Retail Merchants association and a committee was appointed consisting of C. Sawyer, A. Nichols and H. Taylor Rogers to cooperate with a similar committee from the board of trade and make a report at an early date.

BELIEVES DR. CRIPPEN HAS GONE TO BARCELONA

Traveler Thought to Be the Dentist Left Train and Dropped Out of Sight Monday.

Perpignan, France, July 22.—M. Vignir, prefect of police of the department of the Pyrenees Orientales, today stated that it was his belief that Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, sought by the London police because of the mysterious disappearance of his wife, Belle Elmore, had reached Barcelona, Spain.

A traveler believed to be Crippen dropped out of sight Monday when he left the train at a station between Vernets Les Baines and Mount Louis.

CANNON AND HIS CROWD INDICTED BY BRISTOW

They Are Charged With Manipulation of Lead Schedules in Interest of the Smelter Trust.

Manhattan, Kans., July 22.—Senator Joseph L. Bristow, in a speech here last night, charged Speaker Cannon and the "stand-pat" congressmen with manipulation of the lead schedules of the tariff bill in support of the smelter trust.

KNOXVILLE 5, ASHEVILLE 1 AT END OF FOURTH INNING

At the end of the fourth inning, in the first game of the double-header between Asheville and Knoxville at Riverdale this afternoon the score stood 5 to 1 in favor of Knoxville. The first game will be a seven-inning affair. Crouch started to pitch for Asheville but on account of a sore finger he was relieved in the second and Brown went into the box. Cullop is pitching for Knoxville. One of the best crowds of the season is in attendance.

There Was Little to the Charge. Three white boys, Lee Whittemore, Wheeler Whittemore and Pearson Gregory, of the Chunn's Cove section, were arrested last night and brought to town charged with attempted criminal assault. The cases were heard before Magistrate Creaman this afternoon when it developed that there was little in the charge and the magistrate dismissed the boys, whose ages ranged between 14 and 16 years, upon payment of costs.

DECLARES RAWN WAS MURDERED

Coroner Hofman Says He Has Evidence That the President of the Monon Was Slain for Revenge.

A BIG RAILWAY SCANDAL IMPENDING, IT IS STATED

And It Is Possible Rawn May Be Discovered as the Central Figure—He Denied Crooked Contracts.

Chicago, July 22.—Coroner Peter Hofman announces that he has information that Ira G. Rawn, the railroad president, was murdered for revenge. Hofman says he also has information concerning the identity of the alleged slayer, but does not care to make the information public until after a conference with the police chief. Mrs. Rawn is reported seriously ill.

Death came to Rawn on the eve of the possible exposure as a central figure of what is declared may be one of the greatest railway scandals of the country. Counsel for the Illinois Central railway, when confronted with a verbatim copy of questions and answers at a recent investigation, admitted that the foundation should be carefully laid with intent to show Mr. Rawn as primarily responsible for years of crooked contracts. His answers, however, had been steadfast denials of the implied charges.

SPECIAL TRAINS FROM LOWLANDS

The Mountain Excursion Season Will Soon Be Here, and Great Crowds Are Expected.

During the month of August the Southern Railway company will operate a number of its mountain excursions from all parts of the south. These excursions always bring large crowds here and the tickets are limited to a 10 days' stay. It is said that it has been customary for the boarding houses to grant special rates for these excursionists and District Passenger Agent J. H. Wood of the Southern Railway company has addressed a letter to N. Buckner, secretary of the board of trade, asking that a list of the boarding houses with the number of guests they can accommodate during the excursion period, and the rates, be furnished the railway company. This information will be distributed at the various points from which the crowds come. This will greatly facilitate the handling of the people and will be of benefit to them upon their arrival here as they will have some place in view at which to stop.

The first of the mountain excursions to arrive will be that from Norfolk, West Point, Knoxville and intermediate points with rates applying to Asheville, Black Mountain, Hendersonville, Hot Springs, Lake Toxaway, Waynesville and other places. These tickets will be good for ten days.

Atlanta, Macon, Birmingham and Memphis, New Orleans and other southern points will have the benefit of special rates on the trains arriving here August 14 and this excursion period is expected to pour thousands of people into this section who have only a short vacation and desire to spend that time in the mountains. An excursion will be run from Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville, arriving here August 17.

In addition to these the excursion rates from points in eastern North Carolina, including Goldsboro, Raleigh, etc., will be applicable July 26. These tickets will be good for three days and will doubtless bring many people from that section up to the mountains "for a breath of cool air."

Every incoming train from the south is bringing its quota of guests to this section and all of the resorts in the surrounding country and in Asheville are rapidly filling up with summer visitors. Great crowds are expected to arrive here within the next few days, and the travel about the first of August will be particularly heavy.

Mormons Are in Trouble In the Kaiser's Domains

Berlin, July 22.—The Prussian minister of the interior, Dullwitz, upon recommendation of the political police, has signed orders for the expulsion of 21 missionaries, most of whom are Americans and Englishmen. They will be conducted to the frontier today.

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CONFESSES CRIME; ANOTHER SUFFERED

Rag Picker Admits Killing Five Children—Father Was Given Life Sentence.

Tours, France, July 22.—A rag-picker named Joseph has confessed to the assassination, April 21, 1891, of five children of a farmer named Briere, in the vicinity of Chartres. The father of the children was found guilty of the murders and sentenced to life imprisonment. He died in prison.

The trial of Briere attracted the attention of the whole of France. Four of his daughters, aged respectively 14, 11, five and four, and his son, seven years of age, were found in bed one morning stabbed and beaten to death. The farmer was arrested and charged by the police with the crime. According to a theory advanced by the police to prove a motive for the crime, Briere, who owned a small farm near Cerances, wished to marry a woman of considerable wealth.

Circumstantial evidence led to the conviction that the farmer, considering his family an encumbrance, murdered his five children in order to carry out his wishes.

Briere stoutly maintained his innocence throughout the trial and declared that two tramps entered the house during his absence and killed the children, he returned while the murderers were robbing the place, and that they attacked him and left him for dead.

During the trial the judge got down from the bench and gave loud expression to his opinion of the guilt of the prisoner, while the spectators cried out, "Kill him! Kill him!" A marked incident of the trial occurred when Briere's surviving daughter, who, the police declare only escaped the fate of the other children by not responding to Briere's invitation to go to see him, went on the witness stand and sobbingly protested that her father was innocent, and begged the court to restore him to her.

GINSBERG'S TRAIL PROBABLY FOUND

Man Answering to His Description Attempts to Pawn Diamonds in King's Mountain.

The efforts of the police of cities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia to apprehend and arrest one Ginsberg, who, it is charged, absconded Wednesday afternoon with \$800 of diamonds belonging to Harry Finkelstein of Asheville, have failed to locate the man although it is believed this afternoon that the officers of the law are close on his heels and that his arrest will follow within a short time.

A message received at police headquarters this morning from King's Mountain stated that a man answering Ginsberg's description, as sent out, was in King's Mountain yesterday and that he attempted to pawn several diamonds. The King's Mountain authorities were requested to get on the trail of Ginsberg if possible and keep the Asheville authorities advised.

The message from King's Mountain stated that the man, who, it is believed, was Ginsberg, had mileage in his pocket. It is presumed that the man, after leaving Spartanburg, dropped off at King's Mountain, a small place, in an effort to dispose of some of the \$800 worth of diamonds.

COTTON LEADS EXPORTS IN PAST FISCAL YEAR

Total Value of the Fleecy Staple Shipped Was Four Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars.

Washington, July 22.—Cotton leads by a big margin, the list of chief articles exported from the United States during the past fiscal year. Cotton exports were valued at four hundred and fifty million dollars.

Killed by Black Damp

Chicago, July 22.—Fred Finnelly, a coal miner, was killed by black damp today, working 90 feet below the surface of a downtown street.

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OSCAR L. CLARK NAMED IN SIXTH

The District Convention at Wrightsville Beach Most Disorderly of Any in the State This Year.

Special to The Gazette-News. Wilmington, July 22.—The most disorderly and unruly convention of the many turbulent political gatherings held in North Carolina this year was the democratic convention of the Sixth congressional district which at Wrightsville Beach this morning at 1:30 o'clock nominated Oscar L. Clark of Bladen county as the party's candidate to represent the district in the lower house of congress, succeeding Representative H. L. Godwin. Mr. Clark was nominated on the forty-third ballot, after Harnett county, deprived of several votes by the committee on credentials, had refused to participate in the convention and a refusal to present Mr. Godwin's name for consideration. The storm broke when Chairman Bellamy declared that the credentials of New Hanover and Cumberland counties were irregular. It was necessary to take a recess when five of the seven counties set together and elected William E. Springer chairman in the place of Bellamy. Bellamy insisted, upon the reconvening of the convention, that he was chairman but he was ignored and a permanent organization was effected. The credentials committee report deprived Harnett, the home county of Congressman Godwin, of several votes and the Harnett delegation thereupon refused to participate in the proceedings and Godwin's name was not presented.

A majority of delegates in three counties composing the district, declined to participate in the convention when Clark was nominated and there is talk of holding another convention, those indulging in this talk claiming that the convention which adjourned this morning was irregular.

The candidates who were placed in nomination last evening were: O. L. Clark of Bladen, H. L. Cook of Cumberland, Herbert McClammy of New Hanover, and A. J. McKinnon of Robeson.

The Sixth district is overwhelming democratic and while the bitter feeling engendered may be felt in the November election, the election of Mr. Clark is assured. The district is composed of the counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, New Hanover and Robeson. Representative Godwin carried the district two years ago over his republican opponent, A. M. Slocum, by about 6000 majority.

ONE CLARENCE SHED AGAIN IN SPOTLIGHT

Negro Who Was Shot by Allison Some Time Ago, Held, Charged With Stealing a Steer.

Clarence Shed, colored, not only sets himself up as a stock raiser, but, if his statement is to be believed, he is a champion walker and steer-driver. About 8 o'clock this morning he presented himself to Burgin Patton, who assists Tax collector R. C. Crowell in the tax collector's office, and made known the fact that he had a steer to sell. After examining the steer, for which the negro asked \$10, Mr. Patton told the negro that he would give him \$7. Although the animal was worth \$15 at least, the negro readily accepted.

Mr. Patton told him to take the steer to his home and to return to his office and get the money. When the negro returned, Mr. Patton took him to Sheriff Hunter's office, who questioned him in regard to his ownership of the animal.

It was then that Clarence made known his wondrous power as a pedestrian. He said he had raised the steer here in Asheville, and had taken him to Beavertown, Haywood county, sometime ago; that he had left Beavertown, driving the steer, at 5 o'clock this morning and reached the city about 8 o'clock, covering a distance of at least 25 miles in three hours.

The sheriff was skeptical and questioned Clarence on his antecedents, and the answers were not satisfactory, so a warrant was sworn out and the negro was arrested.

According to George Greenlee, Shed in the same negro who was shot by Allison in Woodcock's stables. He said Shed had been on the county chain gang and had been implicated in several shady transactions, and that Clarence was in Asheville yesterday. So the chances are that some one will soon be hunting a young steer.

The steer, it is said, is about two years old, about three-fourths Jersey, and of a yellowish-red color.

Berger Thinks Jeffries Will Fight Again

Chicago, July 22.—That James J. Jeffries may again enter the ring is the belief of Sam Berger, his manager, and Jack Gleason, who, with Tex Rickard, staged the battle at Reno. Gleason states that Jeffries feels his defeat very keenly. Berger believes that Jeffries should wipe out his defeat.

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MASHER'S FACE BADLY MASHED

After Girl He Ogled Had Blacked His Eyes, She Had Him Arrested—And He Is in Jail.

OTHER MEN ON THE TRAIN SIMPLY LOOKED ON; GRINNED

So Miss Gretz, a Pretty Cashier, Did Did Her Own Knight-Ernanry on New York Elevated Train.

New York, July 22.—Miss Elizabeth Gretz, 18 years old, of No. 239 West One Hundred and Forty-third street, cashier in a Sixth avenue department store, has demonstrated so clearly that a masher can be properly handled by the shop girls of New York that Magistrate Barlow thanked her on behalf of the city and expressed the hope that all working girls would profit by her example.

Miss Gretz left her work at the usual time in the evening and boarded a northbound Sixth avenue elevated train at Thirty-third street. She had hardly become settled for the long ride uptown when her troubles began.

Dressed in a light suit of extreme cut, Humphrey Courtney, 21 years old, of 262 West One Hundred and Forty-third street, got a seat across the aisle from her, just as Miss Gretz began to read her paper.

"Ah, there, little one, what's the news this evening?" he said. Miss Gretz paid no attention to him.

Then Courtney made sundry other observations complimentary to Miss Gretz, particularly concerning her appearance.

She Gave Him a Stare. Finally Miss Gretz became so annoyed that she put down her paper and gave Courtney a stare that would have quelled a less persevering individual.

But it did not faze him. He ogled and flirted from Thirty-third street to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth. Besides his looks and his actions, which time and again brought blushes to Miss Gretz's face and caused her to look appealingly to a number of young men who were in that end of the car, he made remarks that were not calculated to impress her with his chivalry. But the crowd of young men, instead of responding to her mute appeals for protection, merely laughed and by their act encouraged Courtney to further annoy the pretty cashier.

When the train reached the 125th street station, Courtney became bolder. Then Miss Gretz decided that if the men in the car would not protect her she would protect herself.

She was carrying a handbag in which were sundry articles and several small packages. These packages were just heavy enough to make the bag a good weapon.

Jumping up from her seat she stepped across the aisle and struck Courtney in the face. Then he made another remark similar to the one which had exhausted the girl's patience, and all the way from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street she beat the masher with the men looked on, none of them deigning to help her.

She Gave Him Worse. By the time the latter street was reached both of Courtney's eyes were blackened, his nose was broken, his lips were swollen, blood was streaming from his ear and his natty straw hat was no more in a condition to be tilted at the mashing angle.

Courtney ran from the train when it stopped at the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street station, and Miss Gretz following him, Special Officer Denicke of the Interborough Railway company was standing on the platform and it did not take him a moment to seize up the situation.

He arrested Courtney and took him to the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street police station. There Dr. Schultz of the Harlem Hospital fixed up Courtney's nose and dressed his other wounds.

Miss Gretz was on hand at the Night court and told Magistrate Barlow her story. Courtney set up a lame defense. After the magistrate had heard the testimony he took occasion to express himself forcefully.

"I want to congratulate you, Miss Gretz," he said. "You did the right thing. I regret, however, that you did not beat that man worse than you did. It is a pity that you were not stronger of arm. I also want to say that I am ashamed that New York has any men in it that would stand by and see you annoyed the way you were and not come to your aid."

"I hope every girl in this city who is annoyed as you were will do just as you did. Courtney, you did not get half enough. Every man in that car should have tried to thrash you well. Besides the severe beating, you attempt at mashing is going to cost you \$10."

Courtney did not have the money to pay the fine, so he went to jail.

Thoughtless Hero. "I fear the hero of the magazine serial will be bankrupt next month."

"Why so?" "He leaves a taxiab waiting in the last chapter."—St. Louis Star.