

WITNESS ADMITS ORAL AGREEMENTS REGULARLY MADE

And by This Method Steel Manufacturers Keep up Prices

IDENTIFIED COPY OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Insisted Prices Were Not Discussed at Gary Dinners But Modifies It

WASHINGTON, July 25.—That through oral agreements steel manufacturers keep up prices and avoid "destructive competition," just as effectively as they did under the ironclad contract of the American Steel Plate Association from 1909 to 1904, practically was admitted today by A. F. Huston, president of the Lukens Steel and Iron company before the house "steel trust" investigating committee.

The witness said that now from time to time one manufacturer will say to another "my price will be so and so until further notice" but that there is no general agreement.

"There is a feeling among the companies, however," he said, "that nothing should be done to injure a fellow without giving him notice."

Mr. Huston described the steel plate association, which he said was organized to obtain reasonable prices. The association not only fixed prices, he declared, but allotted a certain proportion of production to each of its eleven constituent companies. The witness said the organization was abandoned in 1904 because there was so much "restlessness and uneasiness and talk about its illegality."

Mr. Huston identified a printed copy of the original agreement, all copies of which were supposed to have been burned in 1909, under his direction because it was "not in proper form," and testified that the association operated from 1909 to 1904 under a similar agreement, typewritten and uncopied.

Representatives Beal of Texas, Littleton of New York, and Bartlett of Georgia, all democrats, piled the witness questions, seeking to establish the fact that the steel companies through "Gary dinners," and other conferences since 1904 have been accomplishing the purpose formerly carried out by the written agreement.

Mr. Huston insisted at first that (Continued on Page Five)

ALL NEW EVIDENCE DRAWS WEB CLOSER ABOUT H. C. BEATTIE

Identified as Man Seen Alone in Auto in Very Spot Where Crime Occurred

THEORY THAT HE HID GUN BEFORE TRAGEDY

Alleged He Told Beulah Binford He Didn't Intend to End Life With Knife

RICHMOND, Va., July 25.—Roland Sydnor, a Chesterfield county dairyman, today identified Henry C. Beattie, Jr., charged with the murder of his wife, a week ago, as the man whom he saw alone in an automobile early on the night of the tragedy, in the very spot where later the crime was committed, and Beulah Binford, the "other woman in the case," had a statement which is taken to furnish a motive for the crime.

These were the principal developments in the case today.

The Binford woman is alleged to have admitted to detectives that a short time before the murder Beattie called to her:

"Of course I have no intention of spending my life with Louise. I may have to live with her as long as my father is alive, but just as soon as the old man dies—say Kid you and I will run away together. I don't know whether we can get married or not, but we will take a chance anyway."

Mr. Sydnor, the dairyman, identified Beattie at the jail today. He said he and his son Elmer were passing over the Middlethian turnpike about 8 o'clock on the night of the murder and observed the solitary occupant of the car closely as his behavior was suspicious. Mr. Sydnor said the man got out of the car and appeared to tinker with one of the automobile tires. This was in the very spot where the crime was committed.

Mr. Sydnor's testimony is taken as important, as when Beattie left his home to go for his wife at Thomas Owens' home he should have arrived in a few minutes. It took him more than an hour to make the trip. The theory is advanced that Beattie drove up the turnpike alone, concealed the shotgun and then went back and got his wife. It is stated that Beulah Binford probably will in the next few days be taken from the Henrico county jail and confined in a jail in

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SMALL FINES ALL THAT GOVERNMENT GOT IN WIRE CASE

Although Nearly Half of Defendants Withdraw Their Plea of "Not Guilty"

VIGOROUS PROTEST FROM U. S. ATTORNEY

Alleged Purpose of "Trust" Was to Fix Non-competitive, Arbitrary Price

NEW YORK, July 25.—The federal government today scored heavily in its effort to break up the alleged "wire trust" when thirty-seven of the eighty-three men indicted June 25, withdrew the plea of "Not guilty" and accepted sentence without trial, on pleas of "Not contending." Judge Archibald, in the United States District court imposed fines of from \$1,000 to \$1,700 and costs in each case.

The action came in the face of vigorous argument against the acceptance of the plea by United States District Attorney Wise. It had never been accepted in this court, he declared, and he protested against a precedent.

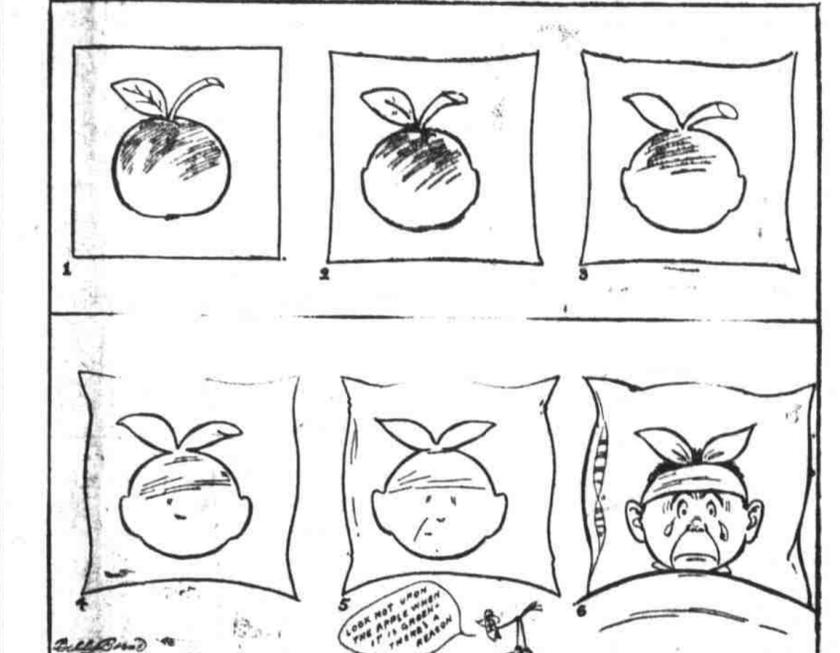
"The best authorities," he said, "characterize it as a plea indicating a compromise between the defendants and prosecuting attorneys" and he denied that any such compromise existed.

"The facts in this case are flagrant," he continued. "This set of men representing practically an entire industry, is open and perfectly clear violation of a United States statute combined to restrain and control trade. The case against them is so clear and open that the most fruitless to attempt to enter a defense."

The court, however, accepted the plea and remarked:

"This is what you might call a trade offense. It is an offense which by the act of congress is against the interest of the business world. It seems to me I am not going out of the way when I say that just what was meant by this law has remained in considerable uncertainty up to this time. We now know exactly or very nearly what it means and from this time on there will be no excuse, but I feel justified in the past upon what has occurred in the past in this light and therefore I certainly regard this as calling for nothing (Continued on Page Five)

Evolution of a Green Apple Season



DEMOCRATS' COTTON TARIFF REVISION BILL RATIFIED BY A PROLONGED CAUCUS

Measure Reduces by Nearly One-Half the Schedules of Payne-Aldrich Law in Manufacture of Cotton—Ratification Came After Long Conference Effort to Upset Party Legislative Plan

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Democrats of the house of representatives after a prolonged caucus today ratified by more than a two-thirds majority the cotton tariff revision bill drafted by the democratic members of the ways and means committee, reducing by nearly one-half the schedules of the Payne-Aldrich law on manufacturers of cotton. The bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow and its passage expedited.

The bill was not ratified without protest and a vigorous effort was made by many democrats to upset the party legislative program and to prevent adjournment of the special session of congress by blasting away with tariff revision at down the line, even if such action would throw the session into the late fall.

Webb's Resolution. Representative Webb of North Carolina, offered a resolution urging postponement of action on the cotton measure until the ways and means committee should first report bills reducing the tariff on iron and steel articles, sugar, meats and flour, brick and ryes and dye stuffs. After his resolution was voted down, other members pleaded for extension of the tariff program, urging especially revision of the iron and steel, rubber and sugar schedules.

TWO RAILROADS OF SOUTH EXPERIMENT WITH CROPS

Result of Experiments Will Be Given to the Farmers of the South

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., July 25.—In order to give practical information to farmers of the south as to the benefits to be secured by the use of lime both for increasing yields and for improving the soil, the Southern railway and the Alabama Great Southern railroad, through their cotton culture department, are making experiments along their lines in Alabama with corn, cotton, peanuts and other farm products. The lime used analyzed 70 per cent and was secured from Marengo, Greene and Sumter counties where millions of tons lie along the Warrior and Tombigbee rivers. The lime was applied in the spring and has resulted in the promise of increased yields, though it is too early to know what the increase or the benefit to the soil will be.

LILLIAN GRAHAM FOUND IN POUGHKEEPSIE HOTEL

Claimed to Have Been Kidnapped and Was Unable to Make Any Outcry

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 25.—Lillian Graham, under indictment, and at liberty on \$10,000 bail, for the shooting of W. E. D. Stokes of New York, who disappeared last Saturday night, was located at a hotel here tonight by Chief of Police McCabe. She said she had been kidnapped.

NO DISCRIMINATING FOR NASHVILLE

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The interstate commerce commission today granted an extension to September 1 as the effective date of an order directing practically all railroads operating in the southeastern territory not to grant to Nashville, Tenn., shippers of grain and hay the privilege of re-shipping and re-billing those commodities, so long as the privilege is denied to shippers in Atlanta, Columbus, Macon and other Georgia cities. The extension was granted to allow the railroads time to adjust their tariffs.

WORST SMASH OF SEASON CAME IN COTTON MARKET

Principal Object of Bears' Attack Was on New Crop, Which Had Big Slump

NEW ORLEANS, July 25.—The worst smash of the season in the cotton market came today without any warning. The loss on the new crop months, the principal object of attack by the bear side, amounted to exactly forty points, or two dollars a bale, August, in which all that is left of the old crop interest is centered, lost 3 dollars a bale. The decline was caused by heavy short selling which hardly let up for a minute during the day. Under the pressure the market gave ground steadily and on the way down loss orders from those traders who had gone long in anticipation of the new long delayed reaction, were constantly reached. This swelled the selling; the market had next to no support and what buying orders there were came from shorts who wanted to realize profits.

NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

Nomination Blank—Good for 1,000 Votes. The Asheville Citizen \$5,640 Subscription Contest. Candidate. Address. Telephone No. Only One Nomination Blank for Each Candidate Will Count at 1,000 Votes. Cut out and bring or send to The Citizen.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY SNARLING ABOUT MOROCCO

British Admiralty Makes Sudden Change in Orders to the Atlantic Fleet

SITUATION NOW SAID TO BE MORE GRAVE

Chancellor Lloyd-George Butted Into the Franco-German Negotiations

LONDON, July 25.—That the Moroccan situation has become acute is indicated in the sudden order issued by the admiralty today cancelling the projected visit of the Atlantic fleet to Norway. The battleship squadron under Rear Admiral Sir John H. Jellicoe should have left Cromarty tonight for Norwegian waters. Instead, it has been ordered to remain there until Friday and then proceed to Portsmouth.

It is also reported that the crews of several ships of the home fleet have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for emergency service.

Premier Asquith has promised a statement in parliament Thursday on the Moroccan situation. According to advices from Berlin negotiations between France and Germany were proceeding smoothly until Chancellor Lloyd George's speech on July 21, which was interpreted as a warning to Germany in the present Moroccan controversy. The German newspapers now declare that it is impossible for Germany to modify her demands in the face of the threat implied in that speech, because German public opinion would never tolerate concessions which had the appearance of being extorted from Germany under pressure. Much significance is attached to an article published by the Kolnische Zeitung, declaring that it is no longer a colonial but a European question.

The London stock exchange and the Paris and Berlin bourses are disturbed on account of the Moroccan rumors and considerable business was transacted at Lloyd's today insuring against risks of war between Great Britain and Germany.

DEMOCRATS OF NEBRASKA GIVE OUT NO PREFERENCE FOR PRESIDENT OF U. S.

What Was Expected to be a Three-Cornered Fight Peaceful Gathering STATE PLATFORM

FREMONT, Neb., July 25.—The Nebraska democratic convention which had been expected to place Nebraska democrats on record so far as concerned their preferences for a presidential candidate a year hence, failed today to express its own candidates or offer commendations for its own leaders. For the most part it was a peaceful gathering.

Governor Harmon's personal representative, Ben W. Chamberlain, was present at the convention, but he soon made it plain to the delegates that his own personal business was to get acquainted and look over the western field. No attempt was made to present the name of the Ohio governor for endorsement, and Mr. Chamberlain stated that he was on the ground in the interest of harmony within the party as well as to note the feeling as to the candidacy of Governor Harmon. The gathering was called under the state wide primary law for the purpose of adopting a platform, the candidates for state offices, three Supreme Justices, two university regents and one railroad commissioner are to be elected.

INTEREST IN CITIZEN'S BIG \$5,640 CONTEST IS GROWING AS DAYS PASS

Contestants Who Enter Early Gain Valuable Time in Race for Magnificent Prizes Which Are Offered Free --Enter Now and Get In Running

Like everyone in the city of Asheville and surrounding territory, you have given some thought to the prize voting contest of The Citizen, announcement of which was made in Saturday's issue.

The remarkable value of the prizes has astonished all our readers and many already have made interested inquiries or sent in their nominations.

This is the time to enter your name and set out to win one of the gifts offered to those who get the highest number of votes in the contest. It will require a little time and energy to win the prizes, but think of the fine reward. If you enter today and work steadily toward your object you may win the Grand Capital Prize, the \$1870 Chalmers touring car, a Maxwell runabout, a piano or one of the other valuable prizes offered.

Start Early Send in your nomination today and when the first published list appears show your friends that you are in the race to win. The one who enters today has 24 hours advantage over those who postpone until tomorrow. The prizes are here to be given away to some ambitious people and you have an equal chance. Nominations have already commenced to come in, and you can win the prize you want if you are willing to make an effort.

Do not forget any of your friends. There are plenty of them and there is a chance that you may forget some of them until it is too late. It is a good plan to make a list of all those who you think will help you, and when a fresh name occurs jot it down on this list so that no opportunity may be lost. Introduce as many of your friends to The Citizen as possible, get as many new subscriptions as you can, for on the new subscriptions twice as many votes will be issued.

Ask Your Friends Call on your friends and ask them to save the daily coupons and ask them to renew their subscriptions in your favor. A year's subscription paid in advance counts you 3,000 votes while a renewal counts just half, or 1,500 votes. Your nomination counts you 1,000 votes. Just see what a nomination and a few NEW

INSURGENTS FAILED TO MAKE ANY SHOWING IN BOOSTING L'FOLLETTE

Nebraska Republicans Give Hearty Endorsement to Administration

ROSEWATER LEADER

LINCOLN, Neb., July 25.—Nebraska republicans in convention here today gave president Taft and his administration a strong endorsement and effectively blocked all efforts of a small band of insurgent delegates to arouse sentiment for Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin as a presidential candidate.

The insurgents lacked a leader were outgeneraled by Victor Rosewater and his delegation from Omaha. Before the insurgents could get a chance to introduce resolutions from the floor, the regulars rushed through a motion providing that all resolutions should be referred to a committee which was given power to draw up a final report. Chairman A. W. Jeffries of Omaha, then named a committee of seven members of which five were strong friends of Mr. Taft and of which Mr. Rosewater was made chairman. From this point the possibilities of the fight on the floor over the endorsement of Mr. Taft went glimmering.

Despite their early announcement that they would not assent to a Taft endorsement on any conditions, the insurgents failed to make even a show of a fight or objection when the platform resolution was finally presented.

The resolution went through with a whoop by a rising vote during which several of the insurgents were discovered on their feet.

Among other things the platform heartily endorses President Taft's administration. TWO MEN ARE SHOT COLUMBUS, Miss., July 25.—S. C. McConnell of West Point, Miss., special agent of the Southern railway in Mississippi, and widely known among railroad men in the South, lies in a hospital tonight with two bullets through his leg and Frank Hand of Meridian lies in another ward shot through the body. His wounds are serious. The shooting occurred at the home of Mrs. Linnie McWilliams, McConnell's daughter. Neither man would discuss the affair.

