

RAIL STRIKE IS MARKED BY BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND VIOLENCE IN MANY PLACES

CONFERENCE OF RAIL AND UNION HEADS "BLOWS UP"; NOTHING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

CAPTAIN OF WRECKED SHIP DISCOVERS A PARADISE IN SOUTH SEA ISLAND

A Sunny Coral Isle Where Women, Young and Beautiful, Out-number Men Fourteen to One and Where Thirty Cents Lasts a Month—Page Omar Khayyam.

HONOLULU, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—A sunny coral isle in the South seas, where lazy palms fringe the coral stolls and the women, young and beautiful, outnumber the men more than fourteen to one where thirty cents lasts a month; this is the story told by Captain J. A. T. Olsen, of the American schooner Honiote, wrecked July 16.

Captain Olsen and members of his crew are in Honiote today where the British steamer Hauraki, which picked them up at Tagawa, and is taking them to San Francisco.

And the captain's tale follows: "Tagawa is the only habitable island of the Ellice group. Its population consists of 190 persons, of whom only twelve are men.

"Our schooner was swung off her course and onto Nukualili reef by heavy seas.

"We struck at night and at dawn we tried for the shore. Before we hit the coral we saw native men, clad only in loin cloths, pushing an outrigger canoe into the water, and with their assistance we made shore in safety. If it had not been for the natives we probably would have lost our lives in the heavy surf.

"Our coming was hailed with joy by the natives, who pass their existence in a state of isolation. The women outnumber the men fourteen to one, or more, and some of them are beautiful.

"Their ages range from 12 to 18 years and there are only a few older.

"The chief of the tribe, a husky Samoan, turned over his grass hut palace to the mate and myself to be used as our private quarters. He also tendered me one of his daughters, a beautiful dark haired girl with a lovely figure, as a servant. Other pretty girls were assigned to the mate and to members of the crew to wait on them.

"We did not lack for entertainment. I had a great time and would not have missed the experience for any money.

BLACKWELL CASE TAKES UP MOST OF COURT

State Vs. George Blackwell Consumes Most Of The Time Of The Court Friday—Defendant Puts Up Great Explanation Of Conduct.

The entire morning session of Gaston Superior Court was taken up this morning with the hearing of testimony in the case of the State against George Blackwell, charged with immoral conduct, namely living in adultery with a woman named Anna Manning. Although an ordinary case of its kind, the trial was featured by an unusual array of counsel both for the prosecution and for the defense, and by a large number of witnesses, not all of whom had been heard from when recess was taken at one o'clock this afternoon.

Messrs. Mangum, Austin and Haman appeared for the State, while Messrs. Carpenter, and Warren of the Gastonia bar and Hon. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, were counsel for the defense.

First witnesses for the prosecution were Chief Adderholt and Policemen Rankin and Hord, who testified to having arrested Blackwell in the home of John Moss on Oak street where the Manning woman lived, and to having seen him at the place after night on a former occasion. There was a large array of witnesses who testified to Blackwell's continuous and repeated presence night and morning at the place, and to having seen the two together in Blackwell's automobile and to their association in general. One of the State's witnesses, Frank McAllister, who lives in the neighborhood and whose mother-in-law lives in the adjoining house to the Moss home, testified to having actually seen illicit relations between the two from a window in the adjoining house.

"When court adjourned for the noon recess only one witness, the defendant Blackwell himself, had not been heard for the defense.

Blackwell's testimony went into great detail in the way of explanation of his being at the Moss home, and of his presence there when arrested. He stated that since last fall he had had a standing order or agreement to bring Mr. Moss to town every morning and take him back to his home at noon and at night, charging him at the rate of 25 cents for each trip. He also had frequently been employed, being the owner and driver of a public car, to take Mr. Moss and family and the Manning woman on various trips to Charlotte, Mt. Holly and other points. Sometimes these trips would keep them out late at night.

His presence at the house was always in the capacity of a jitney driver coming to get his passengers or bringing them back to the house. He had spent the night at the house only two nights, the occasion being when all other persons were away on a visit except John Moss, who invited Blackwell to spend the night with him for company. On one other night, after a trip to Charlotte, the car had remained there all night because it became stuck in the mud, but Blackwell walked home and back again for the car the next morning.

Whereas "State's" witnesses had testified that Blackwell never came to the house before the Manning woman came to live there, he claimed that his contract to haul Mr. Moss back and forth began last fall, long before he ever knew that Anna Manning lived at the Moss home. The defendant was subjected to a grilling cross-examination by Attorney Mangum, and admitted on cross-examination that he had served a three months term some twenty years or more ago, when Judge Webb was solicitor, and to having been in the city court on four or five occasions for small offenses.

SUNNYSIDE FOLKS GAVE ROTARIANS A FINE TIME THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Walden Weaver, Young Farmer Orator, Surprised City Folks With His Talk.

BARBECUED MUTTON This Community Has Rural Library Of Over 1,000 Volumes.

The fourth of the Rotary get-together meetings with the country people of Gaston county was held Thursday afternoon with the people of the Sunnyside community between Bessemer City and Cherryville. This was a community-wide gathering, there being no church organization acting as hosts as at previous meetings. The proceeds from the supper served went to the Sunnyside Library Association. This community is preparing to install a library of 1,000 volumes, together with a full complement of magazines, papers, etc., in a public reading room. It is believed that this step marks a departure for North Carolina rural communities. There are small supplemental school libraries all over North Carolina, but it is believed that there is no rural community which has a library of 1,000 volumes, installed and maintained by its own efforts.

The Sunnyside folks furnished the Rotarians with one of the most enjoyable afternoons they have spent. For the first time since the custom was originated, it was possible to hold the meeting and spread the feed outdoors. Long tables used by the Sunnyside folks in their community fairs were laden with an abundance of good things to eat. In addition to the regular outlay of chicken, ham, cakes, pies, custards, pickles, fruit, etc., there was an added attraction in the way of barbecued mutton and beef. The good people of this community had gone to the extra trouble of preparing a sheep and a cow for the occasion. Green Jarrett, a colored man of the community, known far and wide for his prowess in preparing barbecues, was the chef in charge, and his work was done to a delicious turn. The golden brown meat was tempting and was keenly enjoyed.

Apple cider was there by the jugful, and Messrs. Sid Kiser and J. H. Harmon were kept busy replenishing the glasses of the thirsty Rotarians. Some of them drank as if they had never tasted cider before, and it has been a welcome adjunct at all of the Rotary feasts.

The entire affair was well planned by the Sunnyside folks, and was carried out without a hitch. This is the country of the Kisers, Hagers, Harmon, Lingerfells, Bascoms, Lovis, Weavers, Rogests etc., and they all had a hand in helping arrange for the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Weaver said grace over the table of good things to eat after George Coker, Chas. Ford and John Eck had lined the Rotarians up and collected their money. For several minutes thereafter there was nothing doing save in the eating line.

After the meal was finished, Chairman Sam Robinson took the porch of the schoolhouse for a platform, and called on some of the Sunnyside folks for a few remarks. The first man was young Walden Weaver, a prominent farmer of that community, who gave the city folks something to talk about on their homeward trip. He is a fine speaker and surprised the Rotarians at the ease with which he handled himself and the fluency of his remarks. In his high school days at Cherryville under Joe Nixon he was famous in the debating and declamation contests in the high schools of the county. The theme of his talk was the interrelation of the city and country folks and the necessity for a closer intermingling of the two.



LAST PICTURES MADE OF THE LATE MICHAEL COLLINS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE IRISH FREE STATE WHOSE BODY LIES IN STATE AT DUBLIN TODAY.

MICHAEL COLLINS' BODY LIES IN STATE AT DUBLIN

Features Of Dead Commander-In-Chief Wear Same Defiant Look With Which He Faced Foes To the End.

DUBLIN, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The body of Michael Collins lay on his bier in Dublin city hall today, while sorrowing Irishmen of all classes and creeds filed past for a last look at the features, set in the look of determined defiance with which the Free State commander-in-chief faced his foes to the end.

The flag covered coffin, which arrived from Cork yesterday, was first removed to St. Vincent's hospital, where Arthur Griffith died recently, and then, last night to the city hall where the body will lie in state until Sunday. The funeral has been set for Monday morning, with a solemn high requiem mass in the cathedral, and interment in Glasnevin cemetery.

It has been announced that the government will be continued along the exact lines laid down by Collins and Griffith and those left in charge, William Cosgrave and Richard Mulcahy, have expressed their determination to see the Free State for which the two lost leaders worked so indefatigably set on a firm foundation.

Mulcahy succeeds Collins as commander-in-chief of the national army and Cosgrave is acting as the head of the Government. What actual changes will be made in the ministry is unknown and the Dail Eirean session, set for Saturday, has been postponed.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES AND UNION CHIEFS FACE EACH OTHER ACROSS TABLE BUT STILL FAIL TO AGREE

POLICEMAN J. P. ROPER DIED LAST EVENING

End Came After Week's Illness From Paralysis—Funeral At Main Street Methodist Church Saturday Morning At 11 O'Clock—Was Native Of Lincoln County.

John Pressley Roper, known to his associates on the city police force of which he was an efficient member and by his friends as "Press" Roper, died at his home on South street at 7 o'clock Thursday evening following an illness of scarcely more than a week. Mr. Roper was stricken by paralysis on Wednesday, August 16th, while at his home. He was at the time taking his vacation and had been off duty for several days. His entire right side was affected and he was unable to speak, though retaining consciousness to the very end.

Funeral services will be held at Main Street Methodist church at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, the pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, officiating. Interment will be in Hollywood cemetery. The burial will be in charge of the local lodge of Red men, of which he was a member. With the exception of two brothers who live in Florida and with whom it has so far been impossible to get in touch, all the members of his immediate family will be here for the funeral.

Deceased was born near Lincoln Lithia Springs, Lincoln county, June 21, 1889, and was hence 33 years old. He was son of the late J. W. Roper his father and mother both being dead. Surviving are his widow, who was Miss Alice Hastings, of Dallas, and three children, Lila M. aged 12, Frances Dean, aged 12 and J. P. Jr., aged six. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. J. A. Wagstaff, of China Grove; A. W. Roper, of Thompson, Ga.; Mrs. L. G. Lynn, of Lincolnton; Miss Gertrude Roper, of Gastonia; George and Prude Roper, of Florida and Flayd Roper, of China Grove.

Deceased came to Gastonia about seven years ago. For the past two years ago he was a valued member of the city police force. Prior to that for two years he had been a member of the city fire department. He was a member of the Red Men and Juniors. Mr. Roper was faithful in the discharge of his duties and had a large circle of friends to all of whom his death is the source of great sorrow. His sympathies go out to the bereaved wife, children, brothers and sisters.

POISON PEN LETTERS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Attorneys For Candler's Bride- To-Be Claim New Orleans Society Leaders Have Slan- dered Her.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25.—Identity of two or more persons socially prominent in New Orleans, who are alleged to have "intermeddled" in the affairs of Mrs. Onezima DeBouchelle, local club and society leader, whose engagement to Asa G. Candler, Atlanta broker, was recently announced, are expected to be made public within the next few days.

This information was included in a statement authorized yesterday by Harold A. Moise, local attorney, and to have been retained by friends of Mrs. DeBouchelle to identify and prosecute the authors of several "poison pen" letters alleged to have been sent to Atlanta in an effort to "slander" the New Orleans woman.

It was announced that a sweeping investigation, participated in by private detectives and postal authorities, has been concluded.

RENO Nev., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Onezima DeBouchelle, former New Orleans society club woman and suffragette leader, admitted today that there are elements militating against her postponed marriage to Asa Candler, Atlanta multi-millionaire, but denied knowledge of any "poison pen" plot calculated to break off the match.

Mrs. DeBouchelle declared that objection to the marriage has been voiced by members of the Candler family on religious grounds. Mr. Candler's brother, who she said, is a senior bishop of the Methodist church, south, Atlanta, has opposed the marriage for that reason, according to her statement today.

In the first place, I am a Catholic and a divorcee," Mrs. DeBouchelle asserted, "and I have been in society and have been a suffrage leader, and Bishop Candler does not approve of any of these things."

Exigency of business and the \$100,000 divorce suit brought recently by Mrs. Sarah G. Byfield against Candler's son, Walter, Atlanta banker, have been combined to delay Candler's trip west, according to Mrs. DeBouchelle's statement.

She said she had received a telegram from him today asking her acquiescence in the suggestion that he postpone his trip until the "storm blows over."

SENIORITY PROPOSITION STANDS LIKE GIBRALTAR IN WAY OF AGREEMENT

Reports Come From Various Sections Of Country As To Violence.

EXECUTIVES DEADLOCKED Remain In Session, However, In Hope Of Finding Way Out.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—Attempts to end the rail shompen's strike by separate agreement with individual roads failed today and conferences were broken off.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio and head of the committee of executives who Wednesday decided to continue negotiations with the mediating brotherhood chiefs to see if separate settlements were possible and other rail heads are preparing to leave town.

In announcing the breaking off of negotiation, David Williams, head of the eastern strike committee, said "Nothing else could have happened."

"If they'll quit fussing around we'll beat these fellows," The break came after the brotherhood leaders who right along have maintained that the strike must end because the public demanded it, had spent two hours conferring with executives representing about thirty per cent of the country's mileage. These negotiations looking toward individual settlement began Wednesday night after the Association of Railway Executives as a whole had rejected any proposal involving a surrender on the seniority question. After yesterday's conferences the mediators likened their situation to that of bats, who could not find the way out of their difficulties.

One of the brotherhood leaders said after the conference that the mediators had made every possible effort to bring about a settlement, but that negotiations had blown up. He indicated there was no likelihood at present that they would be resumed.

While it was said that negotiations had ended "for the present" it had not been officially stated whether there was any prospect of the conference being resumed in the future. The brotherhood men withdrew from the conference shortly before noon to return to labor headquarters for a conference with shop craft heads. As they had done this so frequently since the separate negotiations started, it was believed that they would return in the afternoon.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—The railroad strike reached the end of its eighth week today, the accompaniment of bomb explosions and extreme violence.

BROWNS AND YANKS MEET AT POLO GROUNDS

St. Louis Holds Half Game Lead — Walter Johnson Shutouts White Sox—Giants Gain On Cards.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Twenty hits of three Red Sox pitchers enabled the St. Louis Americans to defeat the Bostonians, 13 to 2, and to keep pace with the New York club, which found its batting eyes after two days and took the final of the Cleveland series, 7 to 3. Today the Browns, with only half a game lead, and the Yankees meet in a series at the Polo Grounds that may decide the league race.

Walter Johnson, Washington's veteran, added another shutout to his long record, holding the White Sox to five scattered hits and winning 1 to 0. His mound opponent, Blankenship, though allowing but four hits, was hit for two in the second frame, which coupled with a stolen base by Shanks and a wild pitch, accounted for the only score.

Detroit and Philadelphia engaged in an extra base hitting contest, Detroit winning 11 to 8. Heilmann, Walker, Blue and Hauser hit homers. Walker's was his thirty-first of the season. Blue added three runs to his long season's string.

MICHIGAN HAS NO THANKS FOR HOOVER

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—Replying to a telegram received from Herbert Hoover, W. W. Potter, state fuel administrator, today declared that the people of the state of Michigan "do not owe the federal fuel administration any debt of gratitude for being without fuel supplies and being forced to pay profiteering prices for such coal as they can obtain in the open market."

SWEDEN TO VOTE SUNDAY ON PROHIBITION MEASURE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The Swedish people next Sunday will give their decision at the polls for or against prohibition. No election in Sweden ever has caught the public mind as this, which is to be the first on a question submitted under the newly instituted referendum. The advocates of both sides of the question are displaying tremendous energy, using in their campaigns foreign statistics and examples.

The belief prevails that the cabinet will make no move in the direction of prohibition unless 65 per cent of the vote of the men are cast in favor of it. The vote of the men and women cast in the referendum will be counted separately.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The negotiations in Berlin between the reparations mission and German government officials came to an end at noon today without having produced any compromise on the German reparations question acceptable to both the British and French representatives, according to advices reaching French official circles this afternoon.

EVANGELIST TROTTER IS GIVEN A DIVORCE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 25.—Judge Major L. Dunham, of Superior Court, today awarded a decree of absolute divorce to Melvin E. Trotter, superintendent of the Grand Rapids city rescue mission, and nationally known evangelist. He dismissed the suit for separate maintenance brought by Mrs. Trotter. He held Mrs. Trotter's charges that her husband had been unfaithful and that he had treated her cruelly had not been substantiated by evidence.

WESTERN NEW YORK HAS \$1,000,000 FLOOD

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The damage caused by a storm and resultant flood conditions in western New York yesterday was estimated today at \$1,000,000. Geneva alone suffered a loss of more than half a million dollars.

Streams swollen by an all night rain went over their banks, sweeping away bridges, railroad tracks, live stock, crops and buildings. Geneva and Seneca counties were especially hit hard.

THREE DEAD IN FIRE IN OKLAHOMA TOWN

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Aug. 25.—Three persons are reported dead a score injured and more than half the business district of Muskogee, Okla., was in flames this morning. The fire is believed to have been caused by the ignition of gas fumes by a cigarette. Muskogee is 23 miles northwest of here.

THE WEATHER

Local thundershowers this afternoon or tonight; Saturday fair, except for probably showers on the coast.

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