

Meeting Gives Rise To Hopes Of Early Settlement Of Strike

Railway Shop Crafts Policy Committee of Ninety Is Summoned to Meet In Chicago Monday—Railroad Executives Deny That There Are Any Peace Overtures—Decline to Comment.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—With the railway shop crafts policy committee of ninety summoned to meet in Chicago next Monday, hope of an early or partial settlement of the rail strike was renewed today for the first time since railroad executives and union chiefs broke off peace negotiations in New York.

These hopes were founded principally on the call for the union's policy committee meeting and statements by strike leaders of the possibilities of separate agreements with 52 of the class one roads representing approximately 85,000 miles.

Railroad executives generally either denied that peace overtures had been considered in conferences with union leaders, or declined to comment on rumors of an impending settlement. Some insisted that the strike was broken and that peace parleys had ended with the break up of the New York Conference.

The call for the policy committee meeting issued at Chicago strike headquarters by John Scott, secretary of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor went out to the general chairman of the shop crafts organization over the names of B. M. Jewell, head of the department, whose whereabouts had remained publicly unknown since the governments strike injunction was granted.

Officials of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad of which Daniel Willard is president and which is included in the group of roads from which strike leaders hope to obtain separate agreements, denied knowledge of any conference with Jewell or his associates.

With the issuance of the call for the policy committee meeting, Mr. Jewell was reported to be enroute to Chicago. The call informed the general chairman that the meeting was "very important."

The meeting of shop crafts leaders was called for the same day which Judge James H. Wilkerson set for hearing the Government's application to make the Daugherty injunction permanent.

Attorney General Daugherty announced at Washington that the Government would insist in due time what proceedings would be taken against the misguided labor leaders who have made incendiary speeches in connection with the industrial situation.

He said the Government had been "somewhat hampered" by the difficulty process servers had experienced in locating leaders of fields of the shop crafts organizations. Union leaders denied that Jewell and his associates had been purposely avoiding the service of the writs.

ALABAMA TO HAVE STRONG REPUBLICAN PARTY Full State Ticket Will Be Named at Today's State Convention to Wage an Aggressive Campaign Against Democrats.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 7.—After today Alabama will have "two strong, active and progressive" political parties, according to republican leaders, who announced their intention following a caucus, to name a full state ticket at today's convention here and to wage an aggressive campaign in opposition to the democratic nominees.

While state democrats are working on a party policy at Montgomery, the republicans likewise will be promulgating a platform upon which their ticket will stand before the people in the November election.

A threatened fight between factions of a republican party was said to have been wiped out at preliminary conferences and it was the opinion of spokesmen for the party that peace will reign at today's meeting which opens shortly after noon and that a platform will be adopted that will "command the confidence and support of the voters who believe in republican principles and policies."

It was said by leaders that local tickets will be named in at least one-half the counties of the state and the party will place candidates in the field in every congressional district.

The number and influence of the negro at the convention will be negligible, according to foremost members of the party, who attended the caucus.

GIVE UP HOPE OF RESCUING BURIED MINERS

JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hopes that the buried miners in the Argonaut shaft would be reached by rescue crews which have been tunneling feverishly since a week ago Sunday night, in time to bring out alive the entrapped miners, faded after it became known early today that rescuers burrowing from the 3,600 foot level of the Kennedy workings have yet to pierce 333 feet of caved-in debris and timbers and 29 1/2 feet of solid rock.

Unless better conditions are encountered, it was believed by some mining experts here that it will be closer to thirteen than to seven days before the task is accomplished.

PYTHIAN BAND TO COMPETE FOR MADE-IN-CAROLINAS EXPOSITION PRIZE

Gastonia's Pythian Band is going to the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition on Gaston County Day, Wednesday, September 27th, for the express purpose of bringing back with them the \$500 cash prize offered by the exposition management for the best band in the State of North Carolina.

Manager Floyd C. Todd and his players are in splendid shape and firmly believe that they can prove themselves the best North Carolina band.

During the summer this band has been giving a series of free open air concerts at Community Service Park on Tuesday evenings. Thousands of Gastonians have enjoyed this music.

At the Knights Templar Convention at Winston-Salem in May this band won the decision over a number of competitors.

At the 20th of May Celebration in Charlotte this year the Gastonia band won the first prize of \$50 for being the best band in the State. Since that time Manager Todd has had his men hard at work practicing with the result that they are in better shape now than ever before.

If any other North Carolina town carries home the trophy from the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition they are going to be under the necessity of doing some "fall" playing.

KLUTZ'S RELATIVES PREPARING FOR TRIAL Murderer of Crabtree Not Likely to Be Tried at Next Term of Court, However.

RALEIGH, Sept. 6.—George W. Wright, grandfather, and R. Lee Wright, great-uncle of Charles M. Klutz, in the county jail here charged with the murder of Detective Tom Crabtree a week ago, are here tonight arranging for the preliminary details in the trial of young Klutz.

Criminal court next week finds the Klutz case ready for grand jury action, but the defense can not go to trial now. G. W. Wright visited the boy's mother tonight in the hospital. She is yet too ill to be told of the tragedy, and knows nothing of it.

The Klutz boy, who has long been addicted to dope and heavy drink, hints at others in the car with him the night that Crabtree was killed, but the youngster is in no mental shape to put up a defense and hasn't been for years.

Rev. Dr. R. L. Lemons, pastor of the First Baptist church, Salisbury, came down with the Wright brothers. John O. Wright, uncle of Klutz, also came.

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR MUST RUN AGAIN ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 7.—Complete and unofficial returns, with the exception of one precinct in yesterday's white city primary held under the auspices of the democratic party indicated today that a second race for candidates who sought nomination for mayor will be necessary.

Walter A. Sims, attorney, and James G. Woodward, a former mayor, will be the contestants, neither having received a majority of all votes cast in the six-cornered race for the office.

LIEUT. B. W. MAYNARD KILLED TODAY WHILE FLYING IN VERMONT

RUTLAND, Vt., Sept. 7.—Lieut. Belvin Maynard, known as the "Flying Parson," was killed while flying at Rutland Fair today.

2 COMMISSIONERS TO INVESTIGATE THE ROAD SCRAP ON IN GUILFORD

Mr. Page Tells R. W. H. Stone and Delegates the Commission Is Also Plain.

\$20,000,000 TO BE SPENT This Much Left to Be Spent Out of the Original \$50,000,000.

RECEIVING POINTS FOR GO-OPERATIVE COTTON All Important Places In Cotton Belt That Have Not Licensed Warehouses Are Receiving Places For Cotton.

RALEIGH, Sept. 7.—Receiving points at all important places in the cotton belt that do not have State licensed warehouses are being established this week by B. F. Brown, manager of the cotton department of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

Field representatives of the Association will be given regular itineraries of towns in the counties in which they are located. In addition to the field agents, who will begin receiving cotton right away, there will be receiving agents at many important points that do not have warehouses to take cotton and ship it for members.

The cotton association has completed negotiations with warehouses to receive cotton at the following places: Pee Dee; Monroe, Polkton, Statesville, Mt. Gilead, Morven, Lilesville, Rowland, Moncure, Fayetteville, Dunn, Smithfield, Creedmore, Louisburg, Clinton, Kelford, Pollockville, New Bern, Oriental, La Grange.

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Negotiations are pending with a score of other warehouses at different points throughout the state. These will be completed it is expected, before cotton begins to move in large volume. In the meantime, cotton received by receiving agents or shipped by members will be stored in one of the warehouses named above.

The first samples received at the State headquarters of the cotton Association was a batch of forty-one from the cotton warehouses at Polkton and Morven on Tuesday. These samples were promptly classified and this department of the cotton association set in motion.

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Lawrence MacRae, State Sales Agent, will leave next week for a tour of the textile centers with view to finding out the needs of cotton mills for cotton.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION TO CORK BROKEN LONDON, Sept. 6.—Interruption of telegraphic communication between Dublin and Cork has led to the belief by some London newspapers that events of great moment are happening in the Cork region especially since fighting has reported there during the night.

Coupled with this was the report that came through last night of the capture of Eamon de Valera and Erskine Childers by Irish National forces. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

ADJOURNING TODAY TO ATTEND THE FORMAL OPENING OF ROANOKE RIVER BRIDGE THURSDAY, the state highway commission finished its business session of two days and went in a body to the great event celebrated jointly by Bertie and Martin counties.

The commission with only a few delegations before it at this session, and with its 1922 program far ahead of schedule, adjourned today.

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If They Fall



"Makes you dizzy just to look at the photograph of these fellows perched on Overhanging Rock in Yosemite National Park. Look how far they'd drop before they'd land if they were to slip."

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MISS LELA TAYLOR, THIRD VICTIM OF SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY IN WHICH BILL FARRIS SHOT UP FAMILY

MRS. CANDLER WILL STICK BY HER HUSBAND PASADENA, Cal., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Walter T. Candler, wife of the Atlanta financier who was sued for \$100,000 damages by Claude K. Byfield, on charges involving an alleged attack upon Mrs. Byfield by Candler, arrived here yesterday on the way to Atlanta. She recently returned from Honolulu.

"A wife's place is at her husband's side at a time like this," said Mrs. Candler, "and I am going to start for Atlanta just as soon as I can obtain reservations—probably Friday."

Mrs. Candler's mother and daughter probably will accompany her to Atlanta.

THINK DR. PEACOCK ESCAPED FROM RALEIGH IN PLANE

Lexington Folks Think He Had Aid From the Outside—May Be In Mexico or Europe.

The following from the Lexington Dispatch relative to the escape of Dr. J. W. Peacock from the insane asylum will be of interest:

Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped last Wednesday morning from the insane department of the State prison by sawing through the bars of his cell and letting himself to the ground by means of sheets tied in a strip, seems to have disappeared without a trace beyond that found at first, which led to a woods a short distance from the penitentiary.

Although a reward of \$400 was immediately offered by the state and descriptions of Dr. Peacock telegraphed and mailed far and near no results have been obtained and the mystery of his getaway deepens.

In case the doctor should be apprehended in another state there arises a question as to what procedure would be taken to have him returned. Solicitor J. C. Bower states that he could be brought back to North Carolina on the charge of escaping from a place of legal detention. However, there are others who contend that Peacock might successfully fight extradition. He might also be charged with shooting Henry Shaver.

Many conjectures have been heard here, but of course they are only conjectures. Thomasville has been full of such conjectures since the sensational escape it is reported here. One thing appears to be certain, somebody evidently slipped the doctor a hacksaw. Such a thing is not unusual, however, for hundreds of hacksaws have been slipped into the state prison and into practically every county jail in North Carolina. Not very many men escape from the penitentiary itself, but some do from time to time. But not in many years has there been the escape of so prominent a man as Dr. Peacock and probably never from the insane department of the prison.

One thing that throws some light on the case of Dr. Peacock's escape is that the portion of the prison where he was confined does not have the high guard wall without, so that when Dr. Peacock left himself to the ground he might slip away in the early morning darkness. Probably six hours had elapsed before his escape was discovered.

Another thing that made his escape more easy than would have been the case of a convict was that Dr. Peacock did not have to wear prison garb. He was not a prisoner but was being legally detained by the state under a statute permitting persons acquitted of crime on the ground of insanity to be committed to the State Prison. Dr. Peacock probably dressed in "company" clothes before making his swing to liberty.

A conjecture of his escape that has been advanced, it is reported in Thomasville and probably elsewhere, is that an airplane alighted nearby and that Dr. Peacock was taken on as a passenger. The doctor is said to have been an enthusiast on the matter of aeronautics, as he was on a number of other questions.

It is being recalled in Thomasville that some months before the slaying of Chief Taylor Dr. Peacock figured in the airplane wedding of a relative. The couple, or one of them, motored up to Thomasville from Florida and then over to High Point, where they were married by Rev. W. A. Lambeth. Then the bridal party took to the air and circled around the church tower while the chimes thereof played sweet wedding music. The honeymooners left for a tour after being entertained by Dr. Peacock, who was one of the participants in the wedding.

Since this affair was so unusual and since Dr. Peacock's escape was also quite unusual the situation lends itself to conjecture. On the other hand, there is pointed out the extreme difficulty of an escape by this method and the strong probability of immediate capture. Airplanes attract too much attention to be very popular as means of escape from prison.

Many people believe that by this time Dr. Peacock has probably boarded a ship and is on his way to some foreign country, from which it would be a very difficult matter to ever secure his return.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Miss Luella Melius, widely known European opera singer, today sought a Federal injunction restraining George Daiber, a New York manager from handling Mrs. Ganna Walska's bookings' illegal violation of her contract with Dabber.

Claude Johnson, Newton and Lela Taylor Dead and Three Others Wounded When Man Flew Into Rage and Shot Down Family One By One—Taylors Formerly Resided In South Gastonia—Farris Taken to State Penitentiary at Columbia.

With the death of Miss Lela Taylor, aged 15 years, at the Gaston Sanatorium Wednesday night, from a gunshot wound in chest and lungs, the list of victims from the terrible shooting affair at Clover Wednesday afternoon had increased to three. The life of another, Fred Taylor, a 23-year-old man, is hanging in the balance at the City Hospital. There are three buckshots in his right lung underneath the shoulder blade, and he is bleeding internally from this wound and others. One shot was removed from his groin this morning. It had entered the hip and passed around to the groin. His chances for recovery today are better than they were late Wednesday afternoon, according to attending physicians.

Newton Taylor, aged 13, died on the operating table yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. Claude Johnson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, a boarder in the home, was instantly killed. Miss Gertie Taylor, who received a wound in the arm, was removed from the hospital this morning and returned to her home in Clover. Dolly Taylor, the sixth victim of "Fighting Bill" Farris' gun, received only a slight wound and was not brought to the hospital.

Funeral services over the remains of the victims were held today and interment was in the South Gastonia cemetery.

The above are the outstanding features today of the sensational tragedy of Wednesday afternoon when William Farris flew into a berserk rage and shot up the whole Taylor family at the Clover mill over an alleged quarrel between children of his and the Taylor families. It is stated that he stood on his porch and shot the victims one by one as they came out of the door, and that young Johnson was shot down after the other five victims had been shot. Farris was removed to the South Carolina state penitentiary at Columbia.

On account of the excitement and indignation prevailing in Clover, which made mob violence a possibility, Sheriff Fred E. Quinn took Farris out of the York jail at 6 o'clock this afternoon and removed him to another place. Sheriff Quinn accompanied by Policeman E. E. Steele, of York, left with his prisoner in an automobile and from the direction taken, it is presumed that they went to the State penitentiary in Columbia. There was open talk in Clover of meeting out summary punishment to Farris.

An inquest will be held tomorrow morning, being postponed from this afternoon on account of the absence of Coroner Paul G. McCorkle, of York. Farris did the shooting from the front porch of the mill, firing across a narrow street into the Taylor yard, immediately opposite. A quarrel between the children of the two families is said to have precipitated the tragedy. It appears that the children were quarreling about a well used jointly by both families when Farris plunged into the affair by getting his shotgun and opening fire at all the Taylors in sight. So far as is known all of them were shot down without offering any resistance.

Though there were several eye witnesses, some of the details of the killing are conflicting and it will take an inquest to clear them up. Johnson was a relative of the Taylors and lived with them. The well that was the source of trouble was recently cleaned out by Farris, it is said and his children accused the Taylor children of throwing trash in it and otherwise polluting the water.

Farris said after the killing that he had been threatened by the Taylors. He declined to talk about the affair when in the York jail this afternoon. Farris has been living in Clover for several years and is a native of northern York. He has a wife and several children.

He has retained Thomas F. McDow to defend him, it is understood. Criminal court convenes here Monday but it is not likely that his case will be heard then.

The Taylor family moved to Clover from Gastonia six months ago. J. M. Taylor, head of the family was working in the mill of the Clover Manufacturing company when the shooting occurred.

CLOVER, S. C., Sept. 6.—Claude Johnson, 20, was shot and instantly killed and five of his cousins shot and seriously wounded at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by William Farris, 60, a neighbor living across the street in the Clover mill village. Those badly wounded are Gertie Taylor, 20, Fred Taylor, 22, Newton Taylor, 20, Dolly Taylor, 10, and Lela Taylor, 16. They are the children of James M. Taylor, of Clover mill village. The shooting is said to have resulted from an old quarrel between the children of the Taylor and Farris families.

Following the shooting Farris surrendered to Chief of Police John Jackson and was carried to York jail. It is reported he has been carried to the state penitentiary for safekeeping.

According to Tom Perry, a neighbor and eyewitness, a quarrel between Farris and the Taylor children was renewed this afternoon, and Farris is alleged to have said: "This thing has to be settled and I might as well settle it now." With that he grabbed two shot guns, a double barrel and a single barrel, and began firing at the Taylors and Johnson, who were in the Taylor yard and the Taylor porch 40 feet across the street.

Claude Johnson was almost instantly killed by buckshot. Gertie Taylor was shot in the side and neck; Newton in the abdomen; Dolly in the right arm and Lela in the arm and stomach. Fred Taylor, according to Perry, had run out of the house to get a doctor. After shooting the five Farris put down his gun and proceeded to draw a bucket of water. Seeing Fred Taylor returning 100 feet away he is alleged to have exclaimed: "If you come any nearer I'll kill you." Fred continued his pace and Farris shot him in the side and arm.

The five Taylors were carried in. (Continued on page 8.)