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U.S. TAKES HAND NOW

GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK OUT PROFITEERS... OUTE HOARDERS OF FOOD IN EFF... SOARING OF PRICES ALRP...

PACKERS WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Attorney General Palmer Announces Readiness to Launch Vigorous Campaign to Remedy High Cost of Living—Congress to be Asked for Necessary Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The government is going to prosecute the food profiteers in the United States as an immediate remedy for the high cost of living.

readjust American flour prices at the expense of the national treasury, as authorized by congress.

CONGRESS AGAINST WAGE INCREASE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The senate interstate commerce committee today, by unanimous vote, directed Chairman Cummins to reply to President Wilson's suggestion for legislation to create a special railroad wage board.

RAILROAD MEN UNITED IN NEW WAGE DEMANDS

TWO MILLION EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN CRITICAL LABOR SITUATION.

Action is Insisted Upon by Heads of Fourteen Organizations Effected By Organized Strike.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Acting as a unit for the first time in the presentation of wage demands, the fourteen principal railroad unions yesterday in expressing to Director General Hines their disapproval of President Wilson's proposal that congress create a commission to consider increased pay, declared that wage questions must be settled immediately.

A general program to meet the present crisis, involving the threat of a nationwide strike, was submitted to the director general. It suggested that the money to provide increased pay should come from an appropriation by congress to be followed by appropriate freight advances.

Permanent solution of the railroad problem was declared to depend upon the removal of returns to capital as the sole purpose of operation and the director general, accordingly, was asked to recommend to President Wilson that the attempt to obtain early passage by congress of organized labor's bill to eliminate private capital from control of the railroads and to give the employees a share in the profits. The unions declared the belief of the workers that transportation rates should be sufficient to guarantee just wages, maintain the properties and give equitable returns on money invested.

Interesting as were the suggestions for removing the menace of a nationwide strike, the unified action of the fourteen organizations attracted equal attention. Labor leaders who were questioned declined to say whether the unions would act as a whole in the future, but declared they were going through with the present situation as one body.

The result will be to put the solid weight of 2,000,000 persons, virtually the entire rail transportation personnel of the United States back of the demands, with the possibility as never before of the paralysis of the nation's life if a general strike should ensue.

Co-operation between the four great brotherhoods—engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen—for the first time several years ago proved the power of united action in passage of the Adamson act.

The present situation was said to be similar but infinitely more dangerous. Not only are the four brotherhoods involved, but all the other unions also which have to deal with maintenance of equipment and the moving of trains.

Omaha Hit By Walkout. OMAHA, July 7.—Striking railroad shophmen have practically tied

THEY'RE ALL PAVING.

Superior has just awarded the contract for sixty blocks of concrete paving. Grand Island has ordered one and one-half miles of pavement installed at once. Work will begin at once at Columbus on the paving of districts five and six, which include about sixty blocks.

AND SO WILL ALLIANCE!

up all freight shipments, except perishable goods, scheduled in and out of Omaha. The Union Pacific, Burlington and Great Western are the only Omaha roads not affected by the strike.

The strike is being conducted in an orderly way and no violence has been reported. A few of the strikers are reported to have returned to work at all of the shops, but not enough to care for freight traffic. Passenger trains are all moving on schedule.

A large number of striking Northwestern shophmen returned to work in Council Bluffs yesterday. At Missouri Valley, Ia., where the principal shops for the Northwestern lines in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska are located none of the shop employees reported for work yesterday.

Milwaukee shophmen at Council Bluffs, Perry and Atkins, Ia., quit work Tuesday and although a few returned yesterday they will be unable to care for more than passenger trains. Illinois Central shops in Waterloo, Ia., are closed but Fort Dodge employees remained at work.

Rock Island employees west of the Missouri river refuse to strike and full crews are working at Fairbury, Neb. Council Bluffs and Valley Junction, Ia., shops are closed.

Small shops of the Missouri Pacific in Missouri are closed, but all Nebraska and Kansas employees are at work.

Grain and live stock shipments to Omaha are far below normal and several of the roads refuse all shipments. Blanket grain shipments permits have been cancelled and the shipments under individual permits are being held at small towns adjacent to Omaha to avoid congestion in the yards here. Similar regulations have been placed in effect at all terminal markets.

With the threshing season at its height it is feared unless relief is secured immediately farmers will have to quit threshing. Grain now being hauled to elevators in rural communities will soon take all of the available storage space and unless it can be moved to terminal elevators they will have to close.

Shophmen and Metal Workers Strike. HELENA, Mont., Aug. 5.—Machinists, boiler-makers, steam fitters, car repairers, blacksmiths and their helpers employed in the Northern Pacific shops here walked out this morning following orders from the union headquarters in St. Paul, in support of the union's demands for increased pay. According to union officials about 250 men are on strike.

BILLINGS, Mont., Aug. 5.—The entire crew in the local railroad shops quit work at 11 o'clock this morning in response to orders from union officials in St. Paul. The strike affects machinists and boiler-makers and their helpers and apprentices. The walk-out will have no immediate effect upon the railroad service, according to company officials.

HURON, S. D., Aug. 5.—More than 200 shophmen employed here by the Chicago and Northwestern railroad quit work today to enforce (Continued on Page Six.)

CITY MANAGER APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL

MR. CASSIUS C. SMITH ENGAGED BY BOARD TO SUPERVISE CITY AFFAIRS.

Will Also Act as Superintendent of Light and Water Department—Begins August 20th.

Alliance's dream of a city manager is about to be realized. Last evening at a special meeting of the city council, called for the purpose of negotiating with Mr. Cassius C. Smith for his services in this capacity, the board adopted and passed the necessary ordinance to establish the position and when the same has been published the appointment will be made accordingly.

The ordinance very clearly sets forth the duties of Mr. Smith as city manager. According to its provisions he will: supervise all improvements made by the city; have charge of the park, the library, the city farm and the cemetery; will see to it that the ordinances are enforced; keep the streets and alleys in repair; act as the purchasing agent of the city—in fact practically conduct the affairs of the city of Alliance.

Mr. Smith was for several years employed in a like capacity by the city of Montrose, Colorado, and while so employed made a remarkable showing of efficiency in the conduct of the business of the city. He comes to Alliance well recommended, with the experience necessary, it would seem to assure his success and will enter upon his new task about August 20th with the hearty co-operation of the mayor and members of the city council.

PROPERTY OWNERS WANT PAYING UP BOX BUTTE

Unpaved Being Signed by Property Owners to Have the Avenue Up as Far as Tenth Street.

"Unpaved" Box Butte avenue will be but a memory in a year from now, if the city council decides to comply with the wishes of the property owners from Fifth to Tenth streets, as expressed by petitions being signed by them this week.

The bumpy bumps which are so prevalent now at the crossings will be forgotten as the auto driver smoothly glides his way up Box Butte and the dust which now is stirred by the wheels of Fords, Packards and the intermediate brands of cars, will be covered with thick layers of cement, upon which the children may play marbles and youths may spon the long summer evenings on the twenty-foot parking lot at the center.

The petitions read as follows: "To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska: The undersigned, each being the owner of property which would be subject to assessment for the improvement hereinafter mentioned, do respectfully petition your honorable body, that you will immediately take such steps as are necessary to order in and construct paving upon Box Butte Avenue in the City of Alliance, from the south side of Fifth street, to the south side of Tenth street, and for one-half block each way from Box Butte avenue on Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets in said city. We request that when said paving is ordered, it be ordered with a twenty-foot parking in the center of the street on Box Butte avenue."

DESARADO STUFF GOT MEXICAN INTO TROUBLE

A few shots from a high-powered gun at the railroad yards Sunday morning costs a couple of Mexicans stiff fines in Police court Monday morning. Night Marshal Taylor and Special Agent Smith, after hearing the shots went to the scene of trouble and after some little persuasion, forcible in part, they relieved the would-be bad men of their guns and landed them in jail. One of the offenders was able to pay his fine of \$20 and the trimmings, but the other fellow who was assessed \$50 and the extras will have to lay his out.

BLUFFS BOYS BEATEN BY ALLIANCE SUNDAY

New Players Prove Great Strength to Local Base Ball Team—Score 7 to 1.

In a well-played game of base ball the Alliance team was returned the winner Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds when the Scottsbluff Athletics contested for high honors with our ball tossers. Within the past few days the Alliance team has been greatly strengthened by the addition of a few new players to the club and it promises well now to successfully compete with the best amateur clubs of western Nebraska. The attendance was just fair, much less than the boys desire, but those who were present were of the right sort and gave the players the encouragement that is appreciated. The final score was 7 to 1. Umpire Harling scored a real success and his work was greatly praised. Frickie and Hudkins made up the battery for Alliance; Adams and Garber for the visitors.

The Alliance team will go to Bayard Sunday for the return game with the crack nine of that place.

POTASH SUPPLY OF EUROPE WILL NOT MEET NEEDS

GOVERNMENT EXPERT FOUND SURPLUS CLAIMED WAS BUT A MYTH.

Maximum Exportation Possible Still Leaves Shortage of \$150,000 Tons This Year.

The apparent loosening of the potash market and the heavy purchases made for fertilizer industry is the result of the report made to a representative of the interior department, Hoyt S. Gale of the geological survey, who was sent to Europe to find out and report the facts about the industry in France, Spain and Germany, according to advices reaching western Nebraska people interested in the potash industry.

Mr. Gale's report was that Spain has no available surplus for export, that in the Alsatian field there is none of the high grade potash available for export to the United States, and that the largest amount of the lower grades that is offered for sale abroad is 50,000 tons. In Germany the labor condition is serious, transportation is bad and political conditions worse. Only three-fifths of the normal amount of work is being done in the mines, and the larger part of the product is being used on her own soils. The head of the potash syndicate could not figure more than 50,000 tons of pure potash for export.

This makes a possible 100,000 tons of pure potash for export from the producing countries of Europe and England are also bidders. If the United States got all of this and the shipping is available the market in this country would still be short 150,000 tons this year, said Mr. Gale. There is not now available for use to exceed 20,000 tons of pure potash. Ever since the armistice the fertilizer companies, the big consumers of potash, have been staying out of the market, and the Nebraska producers and others with potash in storage have been unable to interest them in purchases. They expected to get the stuff from Germany at much less than the American producers could put it on the market for.

A Nebraska producer, while in New York last week sold 650 carloads at a figure that will mean a small profit to the Nebraska producers, although it is far below the wartime prices, which ranged from \$4.75 to \$5.25 a unit, or twenty pounds. The sale was made to one man, and totaled between one and a half to two millions. The deal involved 33,000 tons of potash salts, which runs twenty to thirty per cent pure potash, the remainder being other chemicals in the solids. It is to be distributed among the various fertilizing companies, and it is being followed by other sales. The potash is in storage in eastern and southeastern cities, and is being shipped from there.

What effect this will have on the future of the potash industry in Nebraska no one can definitely state, but it is thought by some that it may

JOHN WALTERS WEALTHY FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

FEAR THAT HE MUST RETURN TO STATE HOSPITAL THE CAUSE.

Told Sheriff Miller on Monday He Needed Help in Caring for Stock and Crops.

John Walters, wealthy farmer living sixteen miles north and one mile west of Alliance, was found dead at his place Wednesday afternoon by neighbors probably about twenty-four hours after he had taken his own life by shooting himself with a .22 calibre rifle.

On Monday morning last, as Sheriff J. W. Miller approached the county court house in this city he met Mr. Walters, who advised Mr. Miller that he feared that some of his neighbors were to attempt blackmail. During the conversation which ensued the unfortunate man told the officers of having been at the state hospital at Hastings a few years ago and that he feared that his reasoning powers were again impaired; he said that he had crops that needed attention and stock that must be cared for but that he could not find help. He was advised to return home to his work and to, when such was properly arranged to return to the hospital for further treatment and this he decided to do. Nothing more was heard from him, until Wednesday evening when the information came that his dead body had been found by a daughter of Mr. Bird, a neighbor, when she rode through the Walter's place yard after driving some cattle owned by him out of the Bird corn fields.

Just when Mr. Walters committed the awful deed can not be told, but when the officers arrived upon the scene the body was found to be in a bad state of decomposition. The evidence available would lead to the conclusion that the attempt at self-destruction was first made in the house, where blood stains were found and that following the firing of the shot from the .22-calibre rifle the man ran to the front of the house, where his body was found.

Mr. Walters, who had been a resident of that section of the county for a number of years, had acquired considerable of the world's goods; was a hard worker and the cause of his rash deed cannot be solved unless it was the result of his brooding over a fear that he must return to the state hospital. He leaves three brothers and one sister, all of whom reside in the vicinity of Hemingford. The funeral services were held at that place this afternoon.

have a direct bearing on the reopening of the plants at Antioch, Lakeside and Hoffland.

Potash legislation now being considered in congress and upon which much depends if the industry is to be developed, will be greatly affected by this report it is believed local people who feel a justification for considerable optimism in this report of the foreign potash situation. There are eighteen states interested in potash production, Nebraska producing seventy per cent of the total. The fight now is to keep out German potash until the American industry can get back on its feet. The Nebraska plants are equipped to make 125,000 tons a year, from a supply the limits of which have not been calculated because so much is now being found at thirty and forty feet below the surface and down to hardpan. The Fordney plan of legislation provides a system by which the foreign product is to be mixed with the domestic salts and sold to farmers for the first two years at \$1.83 a unit and for the next two at \$1.50.

Mrs. James Graham returned Tuesday from an extended visit to Washington, D. C., and other eastern points. While away Mrs. Graham visited with her daughter Miss May, and also with the A. Renswold family, who are former Alliance residents.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAKE COMPLAINT TO COUNCIL

Mrs. J. A. Mallory appeared before the city council in session Wednesday night and asked that she be given relief from a torn-up condition of the alley to the rear of her property on Laramie avenue. During the hearing it developed that the mayor and some of the members of the board had been previously called into conference in the controversy which arose when Lowry & Henry ordered the surface of the alley cut down several feet that the firm may install pavement at the rear of its new garage building on the corner of Fifth street and Box Butte avenue and that the pavement could be put in at the established grade. This action rendered impossible the using of the barn on the Mallory lots. The city attorney was instructed to arrange a settlement that would be satisfactory to Mrs. Mallory after the council had agreed that no one had the right to alter the streets or alleys without the order or consent of the council.

CITY MUST REFUND TO BURLINGTON COMPANY

Amount of Unlawful Tax is Returned to Railroad After Months of Contention.

The sum of \$711.36 was ordered refunded to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company by the city council Wednesday evening upon the recommendation of City Attorney Walter R. Metz. The amount in question is the amount of tax paid by the company for street maintenance as assessed a year ago by the city council, but which since has proven to have been without the jurisdiction of the council. At the time of payment the railroad entered protest and asked a refund and since that time the money has been in the hands of the county treasurer pending settlement.

THE NEW IMPERIAL BUILDING



Alliance's \$85,000 Theatre which will open to the public soon. On the second floor of this fine structure will be located Dr. Geo. J. Hand's office and surgical quarters. The doctor will make the change about September 1st.