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## NO CARNIVAL THIS YEAR.

For the first time in several years, it has been decided that Alliance's race meet will not be accompanied by a carnival. Someone is to be congratulated on this decision, and the honors probably are to go to the officers of the American Legion, who saw that public sentiment was not so very favorable to it. The Legion is trying to get funds to fit up some sort of club rooms, and a certain carnival stunt offered some big inducements if the ex-soldiers would get permission for them to show here. Legion men, whether they realize it or not, can get away with things that other civic organizations would have difficulty in putting across, and the fact that, even though they could have put it over, they decided not to do so is greatly to their credit. Nearly everybody has a warm spot in their hearts for the men who followed the flag, and hundreds of carnivals have been held in Nebraska towns under Legion auspices, where the citizens and authorities didn't approve, simply because of the ex-soldiers sponsoring them.

This decision should mark the end of carnivals in Alliance. Time and again there has been opposition to permitting carnivals to show in the streets of the city, but someone has usually been able to put it over. Some organization is in need of funds, and they work on the city and county authorities and win them over. Always it is said: "Let us have just one more carnival, and that will be the last we will ask for. We need the money—and the carnival companies always split."

Actually, they don't divide profits. A small percentage of the net receipts go to the organization sponsoring these so-called amusements, and the balance into the pockets of the carnival kings. There's no way to check their accounts. The last one paid a small sum to a certain civic organization, and decamped, leaving the streets dirty and an unpaid light bill amounting to three hundred dollars. They drew thousands of dollars out of this trade territory, and didn't even leave a good taste in the mouth.

The time was when carnivals were amusement enterprises. They hit the smaller cities and towns where there were few shows, and they furnished a varied assortment of entertainment for the kids, the women and the men. Today they are simply gambling devices, in which the average patron has about one chance in five hundred to get anything for the money he spends. There is a merry-go-round, a ferris wheel, a roller skating rink and a trick wrestler, and these can be classed as amusements. The rest of the entertainment consists of doll racks, blanket booths, candy wheels, and a host of kindred devices intended to separate the crowd from its money. In addition to this, there is usually a bunch of hangers-on that are decidedly unsavory.

If the decision of the American Legion to have nothing to do with a carnival this year will have the effect it should have, Alliance is through with this class of questionable entertainment, from the outside, at least. If necessary to raise funds for some home enterprise, it should be done by Alliance people, and the bulk of the profits stay at home. Sometimes it is easier to raise money in this way than to stage a drive, and this newspaper isn't opposed to any sort of home enterprise except the bootleggers, the manufacturers of illicit hooch and that class of operators. The Legion's example is worthy of the Legion, and the next time that any organization approaches the council with such a request, a prompt and emphatic turndown should result. Alliance doesn't need that sort of entertainment, especially during the race meet. At other times, it will be no great hardship to struggle along without it.

## RAILROAD WAGES COME DOWN

The railway labor board Wednesday handed down a decision which will result in material reduction of wages for practically every class of employe, to take effect July 1. The unions have not been heard from, and the railway executives are already grumbling about the smallness of the cut, although to the man on the street, a decrease in the payroll of four hundred million dollars a year seems to be a good start, at least. It is probable that the men will accept the decrease, after a certain amount of discussion, and this will pave the way for decreases in freight rates, made possible by decreased operating expenses.

The decrease had to come. The country, after a wild orgy of spending, came back quite suddenly to sanity, and thrift took the place of extravagance. The railroad employes, who were among the first to receive increases in wages, and who received them regularly during the period of high prices, due to the scarcity of laborers and the strength of their organizations, should, of course, be the first to accept decreases. Retail prices in almost all lines have come down, living costs are materially lower, and wages can be reduced without bringing about a lowering of the American standard of living.

If the cut in railway wages goes through without difficulty, reductions in other lines may be expected. The railroads have, in many places, set the standard wage. Of course, some branches did not receive any more money than they were entitled to, but others were paid out of all proportion to the value of the service rendered. The wages for certain classes of labor, requiring little or no preparation or training, was placed at such a figure that other concerns were seriously hampered, their employes either demanding heavy increases or leaving to work for the roads.

The railroaders are reasonable men. Most of them realize that business cannot get back to normal unless eight hours' pay means eight hours' work. There have been abuses on both sides. There are undoubtedly cases where railroads have attempted to save at the spigot in employes' wages and wasted at the bung-hole by extravagances in other expenditures. The railway labor board, after hearing the arguments of both sides, from a disinterested point of view, has made its award.

The whole problem now has apparently resolved itself

into the question of whether a small number of railroaders will work at high wages, delaying a return to normal conditions, or whether a much larger number will be employed at wages in line with the prices of commodities, as compared with pre-war days. It's useless to talk of business as usual unless all classes of men, in business or employed, are willing to take their medicine.

## HOW COME?

Before we get all het up over the Isle of Yap or other troubles confronting the league of nations, it might not be a bad plan to turn our attention to our own Philippines. Something is wrong about the word that comes from those sunny islands. Each week there arrives from some publicity bureau in Washington a bulky envelope filled with convincing proof that some of the islanders, at least, want independence.

According to the dope sheets, the Philippine congress has voted in favor of independence from United States rule. It has appointed a commission to lobby in Washington to assist in securing freedom. It pays the expenses of this commission. This ought to be accepted as convincing proof that the Filipinos are not exactly delighted with the present protectorate.

Independence was promised the Filipinos years ago, and both republicans and democrats at one time or another have made this pledge. Yet we see in Associated Press dispatches such things as the recent interview with General Leonard Wood, who, as a member of President Harding's commission to investigate conditions in the islands, reports that the natives of Isabella province are quite satisfied with American rule and not worrying about independence.

There's a screw loose somewhere. The stories don't hitch. Military men cannot be expected to be unbiased, for army officers usually draw such posts as governors of outlying island possessions. They are nice perquisites, and the men holding them do not pay any great attention to desires of the natives which, if granted, mean they will have to be given up.

The Philippine question ought to be settled, one way or another. If the government really believes that the islands are too important, in a strategic sense, to relinquish control of them, why not say so? The Filipinos cannot be contented when they hear of such reports as that made by General Wood, or when they are told they are lacking in education. The greatest republic on earth cannot afford to hold in subjection any people who are competent to govern themselves. The competency of the Filipinos has been conceded; their actions show their desire for independence, and whitewashing, soft-soaping reports by a dozen Leonard Woods will not change the true aspect of affairs. With countless important problems pressing for solution, the desires of the Filipinos may not seem of much moment, but great revolutions sometimes spring from lesser causes than playing with the soul of a race.

## THEY COME HOME

(Stars and Stripes)

Five thousand of the A. E. F. came home last week. Their transport steamed slowly into New York's harbor, and no screaming whistles or cheering thousands greeted it. Past Bartholdi's great statue they moved slowly, and as the Goddess of our liberties gazed down upon the homecoming crusaders, we may believe a tear stood in her eye, gleaming even as the torch at night gleams above her head. For the flag on their transport was at half mast. The returning army were 5,000 of our soldier dead.

There in their flag-draped caskets they held a perfect file, moving in their last review. Gathered from many fields, these representatives of forty-two fighting divisions and many special services of the A. E. F. were carried homeward under the flag they loved and honored with their blood, and this week they are scattered to the forty-eight states from which they started three and more years ago on their last, their great adventure. There is mourning this week in 5,000 homes, mourning and tears and grief, but a great pride withal, because those who follow these soldier dead with heads bowed low today shall hold heads high tomorrow and in all time henceforth, glorying that the blood of their blood and the flesh of their flesh have been given for America.

And what message has America for these 5,000, and for the thousands who shall follow homeward, slowly, silently to their last honored rest? Have we forgotten? Have our little selfish struggles, our tiny personal ambitions, submerged the noble purposes that urged them to the sacrifice?

No, in the name of God and Liberty, a thousand noes! No, while there is love in women's hearts and honor in men's souls.

No, while the vision of their death on honored fields, unflinching in their right, lies stamped forever on our memories.

They died that we might live, and more than that, they died that liberty might live, and a just freedom and right dealing among men and nations. They died that truth might conquer lies and justice conquer might and peace on earth prevail over a world torn, for the last time, with horrid wars. So it behooves America to re-wear the pledge, given two years ago on this Memorial Day at the cemetery at Suresnes by the president of the United States when he stood bareheaded among the white crosses and made our vow:

"—that these dead shall not have died in vain."

"GOODBYE, BILL; TAKE KEER OF YERSELF."

(Omaha Bee.)

Nebraskans, regardless of party, will read with regret that William Jennings Bryan has decided to abandon his residence in this state. The mere fact that for many years, since he attained to national fame, he has found elsewhere conditions more attractive, and has spent but little time at home here, does not lessen the sorrow of parting.

While he has been wayward and wandering, he has ever returned, just before election to counsel us as to how to vote, elevating by his approval or condemning by his frown those who sought office. Now and then he has paused in his cross-country flights long enough to personally expound whichever of his paramours was in the ascendancy, and to suggest ways by which we might retain his favor. Just as England fell into disorder while its lion-hearted king was striking downright blows in the Holy Land, so did Mr. Bryan's march of Nebraska come into confusion because of the machinations of various malecontents, aspiring to wear the honor of leadership never before abandoned by the great commoner.

These have made much headway, so much in fact that and one recalls it with sorrow, it is no longer possible for the Peerless Leader to nod and know that implicit obedience will follow in his old home state. He may not be a back number, but whenever he seeks his right at the hands of the voters, he finds himself sore beset by a horde of lesser lights, who take the utmost pleasure in discomfiting and thwarting him. Even at Lincoln, of all places, "Brother Charles," who has always enjoyed the privilege that attaches to his exalted position, is now set in the discard.

We repeat, it is with sorrow we note that William Jennings Bryan betakes himself to Florida. He will be missed from Nebraska, but he will find the road to the United States senate much clearer from Miami than from Lincoln. Certain well known Nebraskans also will breathe easier.

In Russia they go to the theater or pay a fine. If the shows are anything like those on the road here, the fines must aggregate a respectable sum.—Tacoma Ledger.

Yap may be important as involving a principle, but it sounds like a booby prize.—Toledo Blade.

## AT THE MOVIES

"Girl of My Heart," with Shirley Mason in the leading role, is the attraction at the Imperial this evening. Miss Mason takes the part of an orphan girl, Joan, who after hardships in the orphanage and a home where she has been taken runs away, confident that divine love will protect her. She comes upon an artist who, despondent because of ill health, is about to take his own life, and is adopted after she convinces him that there is cause for hope. The pair go through a number of thrilling adventures, which culminates as all good love stories should.

A real Tom Mix thriller is scheduled for Saturday evening, when that amazing cowboy will appear in a characteristic production, "The Desert Hero." There will also be a Mutt and Jeff cartoon.

Allene Ray and Harry McLaughlin feature the Sunday bill, West of the Rio Grande." Allene was chosen as the most beautiful among some fifty

thousand girls in a contest held by three national motion picture magazines, and she is said to be able to act up to her looks, which is more than can be said for some fillum stars. The play deals with cattle rustling and other interesting cow-land stuff.

Monday's play is "The Dangerous Moment," featuring Carmel Myers. If you want to see what a girl's life really is among the artists of New York's famous Greenwich Village colony you have only to see this rousing picture, which starts with a big tragedy at the "Black Beetle," and whirls a young girl into the biggest drama and romance you ever saw packed into one hour of exciting entertainment.

## NOTICE

Hunting and trespassing in any shape or form on the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, and the West Half of SW 1/4, all in section 33-25-48, Box Butte county, Nebraska, is strictly forbidden.

CHRIS. NEPPER.

## DOES THIS HIT YOU?

An evangelist had tacked to a tree at the intersection of two roads a sign bearing this advice: "Prepare to meet thy God."

And then along came a man from the state highways department who placed a sign right below it with the single word: "Detour."—American Legion Weekly.

Certain Red sympathizers give smirks of satisfaction because Mexico has deported a citizen of the United States for being a radical and a "pernicious foreigner." But Americans are grumbling. In fact, the United States would be well pleased to receive back all its Reds in exchange for the Reds of other nations who are now making their home here.

One other remarkable thing about the spring is what appears to be a growing tendency among motorists to stay off the railroad track until the train has passed.

# The Principles Of SUCCESS

Governor Frederick D. Gardner says—"My advice to a young man is to adopt the following four principles as his guide in life:

"Affiliate with some church.

"As soon as he can support a wife, marry a good girl, have a home and rear a family.

"Start a bank account, save something and stick to one bank if well treated.

"Protect your family and creditors by carrying ample insurance; take it out while young."

# The First State Bank OF ALLIANCE

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