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RAILROAD MEN TALK OF STRIKE TO ROTARIANS

EXPLAIN THEIR SIDE OF THE IMPENDING WAR.

Engineer and Conductor Say Union Men Feel It Necessary to Walk Out to Protect Rights.

The Alliance Rotary club, at its meeting Wednesday evening had as guests four officials of local railroad unions. Following the dinner which was served in the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel, Conductor W. E. Zollinger and Engineer Sam G. Tillott gave a statement of the side of the striking railroads in the controversy which has resulted in a strike call being issued for November 3.

Mr. Zollinger reviewed the situation from pre-war days to late conferences between the railway executives, the representatives of the employees and the United States labor board. He made it clear that the men were not calling the strike because of proposed further reductions in pay, although this was not welcome in the face of failure to reduce freight rates and permit the cost of living to decrease proportionately. The chief objection of the men, he said, was to proposed revisions in the working rules.

Mr. Tillott, who is one of the oldest engineers at this terminal, his service dating from 1894, said that while he realized there was some risk of losing the strike, and losing with it his seniority rights, he could not feel that it was not the thing to do. He recognized the fact that war between capital and labor were perhaps inevitable, although he regretted, he said, that there was no authority in the United States that was big enough to take the workmen and the railroad executives aside and tell them that they must get together. The chief defect with the federal railway labor board, he said, is that it has power only to suggest, and not to enforce its decision.

Conditions in Other Days.

When he came to Alliance, Mr. Tillott declared, there was but one engineer in the city who owned his own home. Now the proportion of home owners was in a fair way to become the reverse of that situation. He argued that while most of the men were willing to accept a wage reduction freight and passenger rates were lowered, there was no reason, under present conditions, why wages should be lowered. The last increase in rates, he said, netted the railroads \$1,400,000, while the last increase in the employees' wages amounted to less than that amount, \$600,000,000. The railroads asked for and received the rate increase in order to pay the increased wages. He expressed a curiosity to know what became of the remaining \$800,000,000.

Mr. Tillott discussed at length some of the rules now in effect which he admitted worked a hardship and possibly an injustice on the railroads. "Every one of these," he said, "was secured in the effort to correct an injustice which was much worse. The only difference is that before we got these rules, we were the victims of the injustice." If the more liberal employers and the more enlightened of the railroad executives could get together, he said, they could eliminate these bad rules in an hour and a half. Some of the executives, he said, were of such a caliber that nothing could be done with them. General Atterbury of the Pennsylvania system was several times placed in this class.

Proposed Working Rules.

The railroad executives, he said, have framed a new set of working rules, and are attempting to force these upon employees. This was the real cause for the strike call, he declared. He reviewed the proposed rules, and cited a number of them as working an injustice on the men. Among those instanced was the rule which gave the railroads the right to change the terminal of any employe at any time desired.

Mr. Tillott said that it was his opinion that the supreme court had allowed itself to yield to pressure of union men in upholding the Adamson law. This, he declared, was no worse than corporation control of the courts, but just as bad.

He referred to the charge that railway employes were "killing time," and wasting money. He told of a recent trip to Washington, where he went through the rocks as two of construction, it now looks as though they will be able to put it over.

Due to an overestimate on the part of the man commissioned to purchase the material, there will be something like five carloads of hollow tile and seventeen thousand faced brick in excess of the number needed. This material will probably be sold at a loss, due to a slump in the price since its purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newton, formerly of Alliance, but now of Tabernash, Col., arrived Wednesday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Jerome Fleming. After a few weeks here they will go to Sparks, Kas.

Miss Granning of Bingham was operated on at the hospital Thursday morning for appendicitis.

WEATHER

Somewhat settled tonight. Colder west port and colder becoming strong northwest to.

Alliance Man Ignored by Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons

Harry F. Thiele was one of the men honored by the supreme council of Scottish Rite Masons, in session this week at Washington, D. C. On the recommendation of Frank Cargill Patton of Omaha, sovereign grand inspector general in Nebraska of the supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the southern jurisdiction, Mr. Thiele was elected a knight commander of the court of honor.

The rank of K. C. C. H. is one much desired in Scottish Rite circles, and is an honorary rank, awarded for service to the Scottish Rite. Mr. Thiele was one of the organizers of the Scottish Rite bodies in Alliance and the first secretary.

But one other Alliance man held this rank, prior to Mr. Thiele's election. Attorney Earl L. Meyer was made a K. C. C. H. at the last biennial session.

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE M. E. CHURCH

BUILDING WILL BE ENCLOSED IN THREE WEEKS MORE.

Superintendent Mote Makes Good Record in Reducing Estimated Cost of the Edifice.

Work on the new M. E. church building is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. Given three more weeks of fair weather and the building will be enclosed, is the word from A. S. Mote, superintendent in charge of the construction. The walls are now practically completed, the roof beams are in place and a portion of the sheeting laid. The roof over the gymnasium is ready for the tar and gravel. The four big columns for the portal, which have been cast in sections, are almost ready to be placed.

Subscriptions to the building fund are not coming in as fast as was hoped for, but the finance committee has always been able to get money by the time it was imperative. The committee is continuing on the job. An opportunity has been offered to every citizen of Alliance to contribute and the results of the campaign for the building fund have been most gratifying, many subscriptions having come in from outside the city.

There is a great deal of interest on the part of the public in the new building, and visitors are made welcome, at any time, although those in charge rather prefer that inspection trips be made Sunday afternoon, when there is usually someone in charge with ample time at his disposal to answer questions.

Huge Dome a Feature.

A feature of the construction will be the huge dome over the main auditorium. It will be octagonal in shape, each side being twelve feet in diameter. There will be a number of art glass windows in the dome, and all of the main windows will be of the same material. It's too early yet for visitors to see many of the finer points of the building as it will be when completed, but some idea of the magnitude of the work, as well as the high quality of the construction, can be gained from an inspection.

Mr. Mote, who has been in charge of the building operations since actual construction began, has made a remarkable record. He has been able to cut the original estimate of cost from \$75,000 to \$62,000, and now thinks that the building will be completed under the lower figure. The saving was accomplished without detracting from the appearance of the building in any way, either in the interior or exterior. When completed, the building will be perhaps the finest church structure in western Nebraska. It is an ambitious undertaking for the Alliance Methodists at this time, but they have been assisted by members of other denominations and although there have been innumerable difficulties and rather hard sledding during the last month or two of construction, it now looks as though they will be able to put it over.

Among the Antioch teachers who came to Alliance today to attend the institute are the Misses Smith, Klingaman, Stowel, Graham and Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Messersmith.

Miss Meta Koester left Thursday for San Antonio, Tex., where she has accepted a position with a large oil company.

125 TEACHERS ARE ENROLLED IN INSTITUTE

PEDAGOGUES OF COUNTY MEET AT ALLIANCE.

Students Enjoy Holiday While Teachers Attend Sessions Friday and Saturday.

One hundred and twenty-five teachers from the city and rural schools in Box Butte county are meeting today at the high school building in Alliance in a joint institute. The schools have been closed and the pupils will enjoy a holiday one of the two days while their instructors are learning.

The teachers enrolled from 8:30 to 9:30 this morning. Following this there was a half-hour talk on "Music," by Mrs. Inice Dunning. Mrs. Dunning explained the teaching of public school music.

Dr. Dillon, chairman of the state board of health, spoke on "Hygiene in the Schools," emphasizing the fact that every teacher should devote some attention to hygiene in her classes.

Miss Clark, penmanship instructor in the Alliance schools, spoke on the importance of this work and methods of teaching it.

Dean Stockdale of the Chadron State Normal gave a short address on "Measuring School Room Products" in which he discussed standards of grading and kindred subjects.

This afternoon Dean Stockdale spoke on "What Does 85 per cent Mean?" Mrs. Dunning gave some further remarks on "Music" and Miss Clark on "Penmanship."

The institute will end with sessions in the morning and afternoon tomorrow. The program:

9:00-9:30—Music—Mrs. Dunning.
9:30-10:00—Primary Reading—Miss Henigan.
10:00-10:30—When Children Lead—Rouse.
10:30-10:45—Intermission.
10:45-11:15—Values of Education Tests and Measurements—Stockdale.
11:15-11:45—The Rewards of the Teacher—Rouse.
11:45-1:30—Noon.
1:30-2:00—Music—Mrs. Dunning.
2:00-2:30—Primary English—Henigan.
2:30-3:00—Penmanship—Miss Clark
3:00-3:30—Individual Problems in Teaching—Henigan.

SHOT IS FIRED AT BRAKEMAN ON FREIGHT TRAIN

H. B. ANDERTON RECEIVES A SLIGHT SCALP WOUND

Hobo Believed to Be the Guilty Party —Police Round Up Floater, But Non ests Healer.

An unknown assailant, believed to have been a hobo, took a shot at brakeman H. B. Anderton about 9:40 Thursday night, while he was coming into Alliance on the freight from the south. Mr. Anderton was standing on the trestle between the engine and tender at the time, and the noise made by the train drowned the report of the pistol. However, there is a bullet hole in Anderton's hat and a slight furrow along his scalp marking the path of the bullet. A few inches difference in aim would have made the wound fatal.

Burlington Special Agent German and officers of the Alliance police force made a thorough search of the train and yards, rounding up a number of hoboes, but after examining the suspects, none was held.

Express Company Is Investigating Moving Its Office to the Depot

R. D. Patterson, of Omaha, superintendent for the American Railway Express company, spent Thursday in Alliance. While in the city, Mr. Patterson investigated the feasibility of removing the company's offices from their present location in the Masonic Temple building to the Burlington station. The Omaha man expressed himself as favoring the idea, and said that if suitable arrangements could be made with the railway company, the move would be made. The company present lease expires March 1, 1922, and if possible the move will be made at that time.

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DRIVE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY MATERNITY HOME

BOX BUTTE COUNTY'S QUOTA IS SET AT \$400.

Advisory Board Decides to Make Ap- peal to Various Organizations of City to Raise Funds.

The Box Butte county advisory board for the Salvation Army met at the chamber of commerce rooms Thursday evening. Thomas Henry of Des Moines, a representative of the Army, explained the need for funds for the maternity home now under construction at Omaha, and the members of the advisory board present decided to sponsor a drive for funds for the home, which will be made October 26 to 29, inclusive.

The quota for Box Butte county is but \$400 and it is not believed there will be any difficulty in raising this amount. The plan decided upon at the meeting is an appeal to the various organizations of the city for aid. R. M. Hampton was assigned the Rotary club; J. S. Rhein the Lions club; L. C. Thomas the Eagles and volunteer fire department; H. A. Copey the Knights of Columbus; W. R. Harper the Odd Fellows; Dr. Minor Morris, the American Legion; Rev. B. J. Minort, churches and theaters and B. J. Sallows the Elks.

Other members of the board will be assigned the task of securing subscriptions from the members of other organizations. It is understood that where a man is a member of more than one organization solicited; one subscription will be considered sufficient.

The following committee was appointed for the drive: Rev. A. J. May, Alex. Muirhead, K. L. Pierce.

The membership of the Box Butte county committee was announced as follows: Robert Graham, president; J. S. Rhein, vice-president; Dr. H. A. Copey, treasurer; Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary; John W. Guthrie, Chas. Brittan, A. V. Gavin, Dr. C. E. Slagle, J. M. Miller, Rev. B. J. Minort, H. E. Gantz, Dr. Geo. J. Hand, W. R. Harper, Geo. D. Darling, Edwin M. Burr, B. J. Sallows, R. M. Hampton, E. G. Laing, L. E. Tash, Glen Miller. For the drive—Rev. A. J. May, Alex. Muirhead and K. L. Pierce.

PLAN BASEBALL LEAGUE IN SIX SANDHILL TOWNS

DE MOLAY TEAM TO REPRESENT CITY OF ALLIANCE.

Sandhill League Will Operate Next Season—Nothing But Sunday and Holiday Games.

(Special to The Herald)
ELLSWORTH, Neb., Oct. 20—"Big League" baseball authorities say they have enjoyed the biggest season in history in baseball and such is also the case in the nearby section of the sand hills. Ellsworth with a population of much less than a thousand, has put out its first ball team fully equipped and uniformed, and with a pride and support that even the champion Giants have not enjoyed. Finishing second in rank with competing teams along his line, many an interesting and hard fought game has been played on the home diamond witnessed by ranchers who often times had driven seventy miles for the game.

Such has been the interest and appreciation shown in ball by surrounding towns that a Sandhill baseball league is being organized for operation next season. Six clubs probably from Whitman, Hyannis, Bingham, Ellsworth, Antioch and the De Molays of Alliance will compose the league.

The separate clubs are now being organized after which schedule will be made for next season. Whitman led the bunch this season having won 18 out of 20 matched games suffering defeat once to Alliance and once to Ellsworth, which finished second with 11 games won and lost 7.

The official league secretary will keep batting averages and club percentages same as regular big league stuff and the new state league that is being organized will have nothing on it, same to be published each issue of the club's local papers.

It is planned that nothing but Sunday and holiday baseball will be played and no club allowed more than three salaried men per game. Should a team fail to fill a matched date fines will be assessed against the directors and management of the club at default and umpires will have authority to banish quarrelsome or unruly players from a game with the possibility of a fine, not to exceed \$5 against such a player.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pedersen of Marsden were in the city Thursday on business.

Two Crapshooters Pay Fines, But Comrade Is Languishing Behind Bars

Merle Ellis and Harry Lee, two of the crapshooters who were arrested last Saturday evening while engaged in the laudable work of attempting to separate some Indians from their potato money, and who, in company with Jack Stewart, were handed packages of \$100 fines each in county court by Judge Tash Monday evening, managed to scrape up sufficient money to pay the costs in their cases and an installment on their fines, and were released from custody late Tuesday. They promised to return at regular intervals and pay \$10 a week on the remainder of their fines.

The two men also promised to return Wednesday and furnish the cash to release their comrade from custody, but luck probably wasn't as good as they had anticipated, for they failed to show up. Thursday night Stewart was still in jail, and beginning to lose faith in his friends.

Incarceration wasn't much of a punishment for the two men, for friends besieged Deputy Sheriff Mickim for permission to bring them up various delicacies.

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE FOR THE EX-SERVICE MEN

STATE AUTHORITIES FORWARD 291 TO ALLIANCE.

Every Man Who Enlisted from Box Butte County Will Be Given Engraved Testimonial.

Who is it that has the nerve to say that the commonwealth of Nebraska doesn't appreciate the work of her soldier sons? True, the state hasn't kicked in with a cash bonus, the last legislature frowning upon a bill that was intended to give a cash gratuity to every man who went to the colors from Nebraska. In place of this, the state solons provided that every soldier in the great war should be given a handsomely engraved testimonial, signed by the governor and two of three other state officers, which should not only show the gratitude of a great state to those who served her well, but also be suitable for framing.

These certificates are already on hand, and the ex-service men from Box Butte county may have them for the mere asking. They were received in Alliance Wednesday and have been turned over to E. G. Laing for distribution. Mr. Laing has them arranged in convenient piles and any man who enlisted from Box Butte county will find one of these certificates waiting for him, all ready to take home. And absolutely free, with the compliments of the state of Nebraska.

They are handsomely lithographed on parchment, are these certificates, and will show up well on the walls of the parlor or the office, alongside the high school diploma and other mementoes of a busy career. The wording is as follows:

"Military service is essentially unselfish service. It implies personal hardship, discomfort, inconvenience, financial loss, broken health and many other forms of sacrifice, even unto the loss of life itself. So American soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses are the most honored of all the people.

A Place on the Roll of Honor.

"The state of Nebraska has inscribed upon its Roll of Honor the same of (and here the name of the recipient is inscribed in nice black ink by a penman who is entirely competent). May his service to the nation in the hour of greatest trial serve to elicit the esteem of all patriotic citizens, and may his brilliant acts of devotion to country serve as an everlasting inspiration to all loyal citizens of the republic to place national welfare above the individual selfishness, or personal gain.

"In willing obedience to an act of the legislature at its last regular session, I, Samuel R. McKelvie, governor of the State of Nebraska, do herewith subscribe my name and have caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska, this, the Fourth day of July, 1921."

The certificate is signed by Governor McKelvie, Darius M. Amsberry, secretary of state, and H. J. Paul, adjutant general. The state seal, stamped in gold, hides a couple of tri-color ribbons. It's a most imposing document, and any ex-soldier should be proud to own one.

Two hundred and ninety-one of these certificates were sent to Box Butte county. Only a few of them have been given out but the rest are ready for the ex-soldiers to come claim them.

Some of the ex-soldiers are not particularly enthusiastic over the certificates. One or two of them have mentioned, as they took theirs away, that they would rather have a check, even a small check. But there are women and sweethearts who will treasure them as of great value, and a safe prediction is that fully half of them will be framed.

MUCH GOSSIP IN SANDHILLS OVER OIL PROSPECTS

STILL LEASING LAND NEAR LAKESIDE AND ANTIOCH.

Rumors That Drillers Are Down at Least 1,200 Feet and Oil Shale Has Been Encountered.

Every since the day that the Lakeside Development company, now engaged in drilling an oil well near Lakeside, completed its barbed wire barricade and fastened padlocks to the lips of the men employed on the drilling, no official word has come from Lakeside either of progress in the drilling or of prospects for success or failure. For the first month or so following the erection of the barricade, there was a dearth even of rumors. Interest in the oil well died down, so far as the general public was concerned, save on the part of Lakeside residents or a few ranchers living in the vicinity of the well site.

The past few days, however, gossip has been coming thick and fast. It is known, according to Antioch men, that the company has been renewing its efforts to lease lands near the oil well. There was a large acreage already leased, but in the past week other tracts, at an even greater distance from the well in almost all directions, have been tied up as far as oil is concerned. The company has even gone so far as to take over a few potash leases, which are so drawn as to cover not only minerals, but oil and gas.

One of the rumors which attempts to explain this renewed activity in the securing of leases says that the wig-giestick man who located the first drill recently made another trip to Lakeside, and that he has located other wells in that region. These locations are of course, a dead secret, like every other important detail connected with the project, but in Antioch and Lakeside there are people who believe that there are half a dozen other wells located, and that if a strike is made at the Lakeside well, the eternal sandhills will immediately begin fairly sprouting derricks.

Rumor Oil Shale Reached.

The deepest secret of all, of course, concerns the depth attained by the drillers. Usually they do not begin being close mouthed until they are down two or three thousand feet, but at the Lakeside well the men on the job were given instructions to button up their lips the minute the well was down five hundred feet.

Rumors will leak out, of course, and while most of them are undoubtedly nothing more than wild guesses, once in a while a rumor proves to be correct. It is well, especially when discussing oil wells, to accept every rumor with an enormous quantity of salt.

Gossip current in Antioch yesterday was to the effect that the drillers had now reached a depth of 1,200 feet, and that they have already touched the welcome shale that gives promise of oil-bearing formation lower down. People who put two and two together usually are able to make them add up half a dozen in the oil game.

The best indication that there are good prospects will be found when scouts from other companies begin pouring into Lakeside and begin buying up leases. Until that time, all rumors will have to be accepted at their face value—and even after the advance guard of the opposition puts in an appearance, the gossip will still be a long way from the truth.

Identification of Suicide at Rooming House Is Still Unsolved Mystery

The remains of the man who committed suicide at a local rooming house Monday by drinking chloroform were buried Wednesday afternoon. The suicide gave his name at the drug store at J. T. Long, but he had apparently made an attempt to conceal his identity and this is not believed to be his true name. No relatives have yet been discovered, although a photo of the man has been mailed to several cities. One call came to the undertaker from Lincoln, and the sheriff at Blair wants to know if the body has been positively identified. The photograph may be seen by those interested.

W. R. Harper Resigns As Venerable Master of Lodge of Perfection

W. R. Harper has handed in his resignation as venerable master of the Alliance Scottish Rite lodge of perfection. The resignation is due to the press of business, Mr. Harper has explained. Mr. Harper has been of considerable prominence in local Scottish Rite circles, and the success of the big spring reunion is, to a great extent, credited to his efforts.

William Kiskis left Wednesday for Bayard for a few days' business trip.