Rohrer, Bryan and Endres Hit by Dry Complaint

"Samardick Only Dry Sleuth on Job at Omaha," Claim of Faction Seeking Removal of Director.

Discharge of U. S. Rohrer, federal prohibition director for Nebraska, was demanded Thursday by Elmer Thomas, secretary of the "Committee of 5000," in a conference with Senator George W. Norris in Washington.

Thomas, according to dispatches, declared that not only Rohrer, but also Governor Bryan and Sheriff Endres have been grossly negligent in prohibition enforcement. Thomas was formerly a warm supporters of Bryan and Endres.

"There are at least 1,000 foreigners in Omaha with stills in their homes and practically nothing is being done by the governor, sheriff or federal authorities," said Thomas. "It must be stopped."

He showed emotion after his conference with Senator Norris and expressed determination to "get action."

Praises Samardick.

Asked whether Robert Samardick has done good work, he replied, "Yes, but he is only one man."

When informed that Federal Prohibition Comissioner Roy Haynes was scheduled to stop in Omaha Thursday, Thomas rushed to a telegraph office and wired W. T. Graham in Omaha, asking him and other prohibition workers to call on Haynes here and urge the dismissal of Rohrer.

"I am only afraid Haynes' visit to Omaha may be forestalled in some manner," said Thomas.

Rohrer's Office Locked.

U. S. Rohrer was not in his office this morning. His private office was locked. Inquiry at his home brought no information of his whereabouts. At his office some stated he was there Wednesday; others declared they hadn't seen him. Last Tuesday he left early, saying he was going out of town, but not telling where.

"Bob" Samardick left Wednesday for St. Louis to be a witness in liquor cases.

Prohibition workers here who formerly were supporters of Rohrer have recently criticized him severely for failure to produce results. Rohrer's defense has been that his office is kept busy issuing permits.

Haynes Here at Noon.

Commissioner Haynes was scheduled to arrive at 12:35 Thursday afternoon.

Washington dispatches state that Thomas will have another conference today with Senator Norris and Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Jones.

"They seem to think here the trouble is between the United States attorney and Robert Samardick on one side and Rohrer on the other," Thomas said. "That may be trouble for them, but for us the trouble is lack of action and we intend to get that."

Senator Norris stated he has received numerous complaints regarding prohibition enforcement in Omaha.

Agents of the federal intelligence department recently completed an investigation of charges against Rohrer's office and have sent their findings to Washington. Action from this is expected soon.

Dry Folk Stage Race to Haynes

"Spare Us 15 Minutes"—Plea; "Leaving Soon," His Reply.

Guided by U. S. Rohrer around the rear end of the train and down the east end of the baggage room at Union station, United States Prohibition Commissioner Haynes entered Omaha at 12:40 Thursday noon.

The effort to avoid dry workers, who had been notified by Elmer Thomas from Washington to see Haynes and impress on him the desirability of removing Rohrer from his office as prohibition director for Nebraska, failed.

W. T. Graham and J. Dean Ringer sprinted from the front end of the train, down between other trains, splashing through snow and slush and arriving at the rear of the baggage room just as Mr. Rohrer had engaged a taxicab.

Leaving Soon.

Taking no notice of Rohrer, they introduced themselves to the commissioner, and also to H. N. Duncan of Minneapolis, prohibition divisional chief.

"Can you give us 15 minutes for a conference?" asked Graham.

"I am unable to say. I am leaving soon," said the commissioner.

"When do you leave?"

"I don't know yet."

Eventually the two Omahans and Haynes and Duncan stepped aside and conferred for a moment. Then Rohrer, Haynes and Duncan departed in the taxi.

Met by Rohrer.

"I have nothing to say regarding possible changes," said Haynes. "I haven't yet looked into the case. We consider Rohrer a good man. We consider Samardick a good man. I am going on to Denver from here."

"Rohrer is absolutely incompetent," said Graham later.

Mr. Rohrer wen up the line last night and met the train on which Haynes came, conferring with him enroute. Mr. Haynes had merely notified Mr. Rohrer that he would arrive in Omaha on the 12:35 train.

Warehouse Men Meet.

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—Twenty warehouse men, members of the State association, attended the bimonthly meeting at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Omaha and Grand Island representatives were present. Legislation to be presented at the next session of the legislature was discussed. John Beakins, president of the association, and Vincent Haskell, sr., both of Omaha attended the meeting.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

After Ladies' Night

Omaha Enforcement Officers Under Fire

Fee Given Job With Railroad

Ernest Fee, former head of the police morals squad, who resigned as a patrolman following his arrest Tuesday night on a charge of disorderly conduct, went to work Wednesday night as a special agent for the Union Pacific railroad.

RADIO

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—Programs to be presented Friday, February 22:

(Central Standard Time)

(By Courtesy of Radio Digest.)

Note: All times given are p. m. unless otherwise noted.

KDKA, Pittsburgh (326)—6:45, children's period; 7:30, concert.

KFKX, Hastings (341)—Rebroadcasts program of KDKA.

KHJ, Los Angeles (395)—8:30, Children's period; 10, entertainment; 12, orchestra.

KYW, Chicago (526)—6:50, bed time stories; 7, concert; 8, program; 10, midnight review.

KSD, St. Louis Post Dispatch (546)—8, program.

WBAP, Fort Worth Star-Telegram (475)—7:30, orchestra; 9:30, concert, gram.

WCAE, Pittsburgh (426)—7:30, program.

WDAR, Philadelphia (395)—6:30, talk; 6:50, talk; 9:30, concert.

WDAF, Chicago (536)—7, music; 10, program; 10, musical.

WEAF, New York (492)—6, program.

WFAA, Dallas News (476)—8:30, program.

WDAF, Kansas City Star (411) — 8, school of air; 8, novelty night; 11:45, night-hawks.

WFI, Philadelphia (395)—5, talk; 5:30, music.

WGR, Buffalo (319)—6:30, music; 6:30, news; 8, concert; 9:15, address.

WGY, Schenectady (380)—6:45, address; 9, music.

WHA, Madison (360)—7:30, Washington program.

WHAS, Louisville (400)—7:30, concert.

WHK, Cleveland (382)—5, music.

WJAZ, Chicago (448)—10, orchestra.

WMAQ, Chicago News (447.5)—7, program; 9, program.

WMC, Memphis (500)—8:30, concert; 11, orchestra.

WOC, Davenport (484)—7:30, Sunday School lesson; 8, program.

WOAW, Omaha (526)—6, program; 9, program.

WOS, Jefferson City (440.9)—8, program.

WSB, Atlanta (420)—8, glee club; 10:45, entertainment.

WWJ, Detroit News (517)—6, entertainment.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Runaway Wife Seeks Divorce

Woman Who Left Husband for Bluffs Deputy Sheriff, Now Charges He's Cruel.

Maebelle Spencer filed suit for divorce in Council Bluffs district court Thursday morning against her husband, Clark Spencer, former Council Bluffs deputy sheriff, charging cruelty.

Eighteen months ago, Mrs. Spencer, at that time the wife of George Ebaugh, Council Bluffs orchestra leader, ran away with Spencer. Ebaugh subsequently obtained a divorce, and the runaway pair was married in Kansas City, Kan., September 4, 1923. They separated February 4 of this year, the petition says.

Mrs. Bertha Branch filed suit for divorce Thursday against Harry V. Branch, charging that he carries on a love affair with an Omaha woman openly, that he visits her five or six nights a week, and comes home intoxicated. She asks custody of their two children, Margaret, 2, and Imogene, 5 months. She also obtained a restraining order, enjoining her husband from molesting her.

Eleven other divorce petitions were filed in Council Bluffs this morning. Litigants are Gertrude Mastin, who seeks a divorce from Harry D. Mastin, asking custody of a minor son, Robert, 18 months; Helen E. Eastman, who sues Benjamin H. Eastman, asks custody of three children, Benjamin, jr., 7, Leroy, 3, and Betty Jane, 1; Mary Smothers against Ernest Smothers, Mary Wood against Harold Wood; Raymond B. Liddell against Nellie Liddell, and asking custody of a minor son, Donald, 2; Hilda Slamon against Jack Slamon, seeking custody of Eloise Slamon, 2; Zora Brunski against John Brunski, asking custody of four children, Barbara, 6, Mary, 4, Josephone, 2 and Nicholas, 8 months; Blanche M. Barton against Floyd L. Barton; Gertrude Reed against Charles W. Reed; C. O. Carter against Ora Carter.

Cheaper Coal Promised Here

Opening of New Anthracite Mine in Colorado Means Freight Saving.

Omaha is to have cheaper anthracite coal.

With the completion of the new Moffat tunnel in Colorado, the longest tunnel in the United States, the enormous anthracite coal fields of Routt county, Colorado, will be opened to the world. This announcement was made Thursday by S. S. and R. E. Montgomery, 678 Brandeis Theater building.

Not only are these fields the only anthracite fields in the United States outside of Pennsylvania, the freight haul shorter and the freight rate less, but there is said to be enough fuel in the field to supply the entire United States for 1,500 years. The price of anthracite coal in Omaha today is $21 per ton and there is little of it at that price.

Freight from Pennsylvania on anthracite is $8.64 a ton. The rate from Colorado is $5.45 a tone. It is believed Omaha will be able to buy anthracite coal at less than $18 a ton.

Bishop Stuntz Cannot Recover

Physicians attending Bishop Homer C. Stuntz, recently stricken with paralysis at Miami, Fla., say there is no hope for his recovery, according to a special delivery letter received Thursday morning by Mrs. Howard Rushton from her husband, who accompanied Mrs. Stuntz to the bishop's bedside following the stroke.

The bishop's mind remains alert, the letter says, although he does not appear fully to realize that he is paralyzed.

Physicians declare that he has strong heart muscles, and that this fact may delay the inevitable for several weeks. The next two or three days probably will determine whether or not he will be granted this respite, the doctors say.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brandeis will give a dinner on Thursday evening at their home

Symphonic Band at Gayety Tomorrow

Ben Meroff's symphonic band, opening at the Saturday matinee, is termed the high spot musically in the current season at the Gayety.

The band comes as a generous portion of the "Nifties of '24" company and is direct from a tour of Keith vaudeville theaters in the east. The organization is intact and under the skillful direction of Ben Meroff. He is master of several instruments, besides dancing with degree of speed and dash that leaves himself and his audience almost breathless. Frank and Milt Britton are featured members of the band.

Your Ballot May Help Your Carrier Boy Get 1,000-Mile Radio Set

Help the boy who brings your Omaha Bee get a radio set.

In an effort to determine who is the most popular carrier with his patrons, The Omaha Bee will present a complete 1,000-mile radius radio outfit to the boy who receives the most votes in a contest which begins today.

In tomorrow's issue of The Omaha Bee will appear a coupon entitling you to one vote. Fill it out with the name of your favorite carrier and hand to him or mail it to The Omaha Bee.

The radio set to be given the boy who receives the most votes includes a mahogany cabinet, head phones, vacuum tube, batteries, aerial and ground wires and instruction blue print. The dials may be logged for different stations with as much accuracy as the neutrodyne.

Watch for the coupon!

Mrs. H. Von W. Schulte, tea at her home, for the faculty of Creighton Medical university.

Real and Unreel

By Dan H. Eddy, Hollywood Correspondent of Omaha Bee

You Never Can Tell.

Some of these days you will probably go to the pitcher show and see a piece named "Two Wagons—Both Covered," and laugh your head off at Will Rogers, and the home town critic will write a piece for the paper and call it the greatest comedy of the year. Which is what they have been doing out here in the goldarn west. And that just goes to show what it says at the top of this here squib.

Hal Roach hired a bird named Rob Wagner last fall, and set him to directing Will Rogers, and they started in on this wagon picture. Now Rob has a kind of dry humor, and the Roach higher-ups, who of course knew everything about comedies, thought it was the bunk. They couldn't even titter. And one day, about the middle of the picture, they had the work stopped, and Rob quit.

Well, they didn't even bother to stick the film together, and it was kicked around for a couple of months until one day a newspaper critic went out and asked to see it, so they apologized and showed it to him, and he liked to laughed himself to death. And then these wise eggs, who of course knew everything about comedies, began to get a headache and stuck the film together and took it down to a neighborhood theater to try it out, and the folks did everything but tear up the floor.

And, incidentally, that is partly why Rob is back on the Roach lot, directing Will Rogers again. The other part is only dollars and cents and contracts and such, and none of our business.

Our Observation.

While all these birds are hollering about it's going to be the greatest year in the history of pictures, we would like to meekly remark that it looks to us like pictures' greatest undressed year.

We were over on the Sennett lot watching the bathing girls, and we thought that was going pretty far. So from there we went to the Metro lot and watched Barbara LaMarr do a Dan McGrew dance, and dinged if she wasn't wearing less than the bathing queens.

So from there we went to the Universal lot, and there was Grace Darmond doing a chorus girl dance, and dummed if she wasn't wearing less than Barbara LaMarr.

So from there we went straight home. There is no use taking too many chances, out that way, alone.

Two Viewpoints.

The other day we dropped in and passed the time of day and this and that with Blanche Sweet.

Somehow, we got to talking about traveling and Blanche said she was just broken-hearted because she didn't get to New York and Florida this winter. "Do you know," said she sobbingly, "I haven't been east for so long, I'm just mad to get back!" So we sympathized, and a little later happened to be over at Laskys and ran across Nita Naldi. And, somehow, we got to talking about traveling again.

"Just got back," said Nita, "about 10 days ago. Ding the luck, anyway! They tell me I'll have to go back to New York in another month or so. I'm getting so I feel like screaming every time I hear a train. I'm getting so darned tired of traveling I don't know what to do. Might as well be with a medicine show."

Folks Is Funny.

The other noon, up in one of our expensive beaneries, we ran across Jobyna Ralston. She was sitting all alone, delicately dining upon a baked bean sandwich and other light viands. Seeing she had lost her appetite we deduced that something was amiss, and with our usual subtlety asked: "What smatter?" And Jobyna, shedding a salty tear or two into the soup, replied as follows:

"We've finished the picture, and Harold's gone to New York and so has Tommy Gray and Joe Reddy and most of the boys around the lot." Jobyna, as of course you know, is Harold Lloyd's leading lady.

"And I don't care so much about having them go to New York," said Jobyna, "but it seems to me I'll die if we don't start work again pretty soon."

And she's under contract, and the old pay check is waiting every Saturday night, and she don't have to work for it, and still she feels that—but, oh, shucks! It ain't natural, Jobey.

They Learn Young.

Consider young Mickey McBann, as Jacqueline Logan says she found him, sitting well back from the dripping eaves of the stage on a cold and rainy morning, busily tearing rags into strips and binding them around the wheels of his toy automobile.

"What's the idea, Mickey?" asked Jacqueline.

"Skid chains," said Mickey, and went on with his work.

But that isn't the funny thing about this story. The astonishing thing is one player telling a good story about another player.

Taxpayers' Body Made Permanent

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 21.—Lincoln County Taxpayers' league met in convention in Dickey's hall in North Platte this afternoon. This is the league that backed the cleanup campaign in Lincoln county that caused the investigation resulting in indictments by the grand jury and finally convictions of county officials and others.

At the meeting organization was made permanent and a constitution and bylaws were adopted. William E. Shuman was elected president for the next two years; Herman Kerr, secretary and treasurer, and Lincoln Carpenter, Guy Fear, Carl Orrin, George Ferbracke and George White members of the executive committee, with the president and secretary-treasurer. The plan adopted was three delegates from each precinct of the county to be elected before each primary election. The league is to be nonpolitical.

Pal of Slayer Gets Jail Term

Dale Erbes, alleged by Sheriff P. A. Lainson of Council Bluffs to have been a partner of Joe Guzewecz, alias Joe Dunn, accused slayer of Detective Frank Aughe, was sentenced to one year in the Iowa state reformatpry in district court at Glenwood, Ia., Wednesday on a charge of robbing the railroad station at Glenwood.

Erbes was arrested some time ago in Omaha charged with a robbery in Nebraska, but was not convicted of the charge. He was also held at Council Bluffs for a short time on an auto theft charge but was turned over to Glenwood authorities because they had a stronger case against him.

Morrell Funeral Saturday at 8:30

Funeral services for Miss Madeline M. Morrell, 39, who died Wednesday at a local hospital following an operation, will be held Saturday morning at 8:30 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Morrell, 4808 Douglas street, and at St. Cecilia's cathedral at 9. Father J. Smiskol will be in charge of the services assisted by Father Bernard Sinne of St. Mary Magdalene church and Father J. F. McCarthy of St. Peter's church. Burial will be in St. Mary Magdalene cemetery.

Congressman Dies.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Henry Garland Dupre, member of congress from the Second congressional district of Louisiana, died this morning at his home here following a stroke of apoplexy.

Flora Finch, star of the movies in the days when John Bunny's name was a household word, has a part in "Monsieur Beaucaire," Valentino's new one.

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