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AWAIT STRIKE CRISIS

Mayor Makes Order to Preserve Peace During the Strike.

UNION LABOR MEN FAVOR THE MOVE

Executive Action Comes After Consultation with Strike Leaders.

CHIEF DONAHUE TO COMMAND POLICE

Will Give Personal Attention to Enforcing the Mayor's Order.

SUGGESTION OF FEDERAL INJUNCTION

Reported Plan of Employers to Seek Protection from United States Court on Plea of Interstate Commerce.

Mayor's Proclamation.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, OMAHA, May 5, 1903.—Mr. J. J. Donahue, Chief of Police Dear Sir: In response to your favor of this day, I would say, "concur in the action you propose." The strike is still in existence now existing, I believe that every precaution should be taken to maintain peace and good order in the city. While such extension continues I believe it is an act of justifiable prudence to keep all saloons of the city closed. I have directed that all saloons be closed and require all saloons in the city of Omaha to be closed tonight promptly at 12 o'clock, and to keep the same closed until further notice. The movement continues, and until otherwise ordered. Respectfully,

FRANK E. MOORES, Mayor.

With the strike approaching great crisis, the mayor and chief of police are preparing heroic measures. The exciting demonstrations of the past two days, which threaten to culminate in serious complications today, when the Business Men's association hopes to put a number of nonunion teamsters to work and secure federal court injunctions and possibly troops to insure the success of their plans, the avowed determination of the strikers to win their fight and the feeling that naturally will be aroused over these proceedings—these things, together with the general upheaval in Omaha between labor and capital, have constrained the mayor and chief of police to exercise all the powers at their command toward preventing serious results. The above letter was in answer to one below from Chief Donahue and was transmitted at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The chief's letter follows:

Hon. Frank E. Moore, Mayor and ex-commissioner of Fire and Police Commissioners—Dear Sir: I desire to call your attention to the serious aspect of the strike now in progress in our city, and to advise you to call a meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners this evening and that the board issue an order closing all saloons in the city. It is safe to count upon the strike is ended or until the board considers it safe to countermand such order, we would also advise that the drug stores be continuing to sell medicines and supplies of liquor for medicinal purposes. Such action on the part of the board will be judicious—gives moral support in maintaining order and protecting life and property. Yours respectfully,

J. J. DONAHUE, Chief of Police.

The mayor's order was issued to the chief at 4 o'clock Tuesday and immediately upon its receipt the captains of the force were called to the office of the chief and received instructions which were read in roll-call last night for their enforcement. At the time the order was presented to the chief he was holding a conference with the presidents of a number of the unions involved in the strike and others regarding the enforcement of law and order during the trouble which are looked for today. The chief, after the conference, said that each of the officers of the several unions had agreed with him to maintain order and pledged themselves to do all in their power to restrain their men.

Chief Donahue's Statement.

The chief said: "I wish to impress upon the people of Omaha the necessity of doing all in their power to preserve order during the days which threaten so much trouble. They should do all in their power to avoid forming crowds, and when any unusual event occurs they should go away, rather than toward the scene; for where trouble exists it is usually a disinterested spectator who is killed or injured."

"There are a large number of hoboes and law breakers who are ever looking for scenes of trouble to ply their illegal business. They are already coming to Omaha and they will be here in larger numbers during the week. The police force of Omaha is going to be actively engaged in the business districts of the city assisting in the movement of traffic and it will be practically impossible for it to give adequate protection to the residence part of town and these tramps and thieves will attempt to operate in those districts. For this reason the people should take more than ordinary precautions to preserve their property."

"As far as the order closing the saloons is concerned it will be enforced absolutely without fear or favor. The officers of the city can deal with sober men, while no one can control men under the influence of liquor. The mayor and every member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are agreed upon this order. We have consulted with each of them and they all stand together upon the subject. The preservation of life and property is the chief end of government and we must keep the saloons closed to secure that object."

"I will personally take charge of the police force in the morning and will see that business is resumed so far as possible; that order is maintained and that no unlawful acts go unpunished."

Notice to Unions.

At the conference with the chief of police each of the representatives of the labor unions was given a copy of the following notice which they promised to hang in a prominent place in the halls where the unions meet, and enforce so far as possible:

To the presidents and business managers of the unions now engaged in a strike in this city.

Gentlemen: I deem it advisable and in fact my duty as chief of police of the city of Omaha to call your heads in the different organizations participating in the present strike, for as head of the police department and therefore the representative of the taxpayers and citizens in preserving peace and order and maintaining life and property, it is my duty to ascertain your position and the policy you are pursuing during the strike; also to outline to you the position and duty of the police department.

No man has a better conception than I of the difficulties of laboring men and my labors began at the age of 12 and have continued up to the present time; and while my sympathies are with the laboring people, yet realize as chief of police that I have a duty to perform in the protection of the interests of the citizens and taxpayers and I shall certainly endeavor to perform that duty.

For the past five days business has been

KAI SER VISITS MONASTERY

William is First German Emperor to Be Guest of Benedictine Mother House.

ROME, May 5.—Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel, cheered by the people, drove to the railroad station this morning and went to the abbey of Monte Cassino. The weather was magnificent.

The scene was extremely picturesque. Quant crowds of peasants, friars and sisters gathered from miles around to see the extraordinary spectacle.

sovereigns and six princes at Monte Cassino. The real reason for the visit was the part taken by Emperor William in assisting the Benedictine institutions in Prussia and the promise he made to visit the celebrated mother house here.

ROMA, May 5.—Emperor William spent three hours and twenty minutes in this city, whose historic buildings and monuments seemed to be of intense interest to him. At the capitol he made an address, speaking for twenty minutes to an audience of fully 10,000 people. President Roosevelt said it was a great pleasure to him to come to New Mexico, from which territory more than half the number of his regiment came. "I know the people of New Mexico," he said, "and I am fond of them. How can I help being fond of the people with whom I have worked?"

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