

TO KNOW SOON ABOUT STRIKE

President Kline Declares Next Fifteen Days Will Decide.

TALKS OF 'PRISCO CONFERENCE'

Head of Blacksmiths' Union Describes Arguments Used—Says He Has Heard Threat of Federal Prosecution.

Decision to strike or not to strike for recognition of the Federation of Shop Employees of the Harriman lines will be reached by the federation's executive board within the next fifteen days and more probably within the next ten days, according to J. W. Kline, international president of the blacksmiths, member of the executive board, and spokesman for the board. So declared Mr. Kline to The Bee last night.

Unless we hear further from Mr. Kruttschnitt or some other person in authority for the Harriman lines within the next ten or fifteen days the executive board, composed of the general officers of the unions of the federation, will meet and decide what shall be done," said Mr. Kline. "Some of the newspaper men have been trying for three weeks to get me to say now and I hope I won't have to say. We are not quitters. The general officers of the federation voted unanimously to stand on the demand for recognition of the federation.

Hold Secret Conference. President Kline reached Omaha, on his way from San Francisco to his headquarters in Chicago, at 3:30 last night and immediately set to work with the shop employees at the Labor temple. The meeting was secret. About 300 men were present. Mr. Kline spoke for two hours. Frequently he was interrupted by applause.

No expression from the men was asked. Another meeting, at which Mr. Kline again will report what was done in San Francisco, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Tells of 'Prisco Meeting. In response to questions by newspaper men after the meeting Mr. Kline said:

"In brief, the meeting was held at the Hotel Hamilton. We went to Mr. Kruttschnitt to confer with him. We went—the other general officers and myself—as the executive board of the federation. Mr. Kruttschnitt refused to recognize us. We then went to the general committee. They were unanimously about forty were there to stand on demand for recognition. Mr. Kruttschnitt would not recognize us. We could have called the strike right then; but we did not want to act in haste. The men have voted on the proposition and would be behind us certainly if we called a strike. I am going home through this section. J. A. Franklin, president of the boiler-makers, Vice President Buckalov, of the machinists, and M. F. Ryan, president of the carmen, are returning through the south. The purpose is to study the situation in different parts of the system and then meet and make a final decision.

"That's what we shall do unless we hear more from Mr. Kruttschnitt or others in authority. Of course, we may hear from them; but present negotiations are at an end. Mr. Kruttschnitt refused to recognize the federation and we are not going to him except as a federation. Unless we hear more from the other side we must either back down on our position or strike. We are not quitters. "It has come to me that there may be criminal prosecution in case a strike is called. Mr. Kruttschnitt made a statement to us that I must consider as a reference to that. During our talk with him he said, 'Your presence in my office is illegal.' It has come to me, not through the newspapers, but through other sources, that Wall street is talking of criminal prosecution of the shopeners by the government in case a strike is called, the action being on the ground that the federation is a combination in restraint of trade. I don't know what Mr. Kruttschnitt could have meant when he said our presence was illegal because he was referring to this theory. They may be banking on such a prosecution. If so, all I can say is that when we take the responsibility as officers of the shopeners we are in honor bound to go to jail if that becomes necessary.

Campaign Plays Part. "Another thing may be responsible for Kruttschnitt's position. The coming national campaign is going to be a hot one, especially in California. The progressives are going to cut some figures. There may be some politics in the railroad position. I have heard that some people in Wall street are saying, 'Better fight it out now.' "I don't know where the executive board will meet. Maybe it will be in Chicago; maybe in Kansas City. "After the closed meeting Mr. Kline conferred with the shopeners regarding an open meeting to be held today. This afternoon's meeting may be thrown open to the public.

Wants Facts Made Plain. "I am willing to have an open meeting and tell the public our side of the controversy," said Mr. Kline. "I am willing to admit the reporters and have them write it down and give it to the public. It has been misled. The Harriman lines went to the public and discussed our position before we even told them what it was. "As a matter of fact, it would be better for all if the federation were recognized and the lines did business with us as a federation. Fourteen railroads are doing that and they are satisfied. No union could take a grievance to the lines then unless the others in the federation recognized it as a just grievance. The lines would be saved a lot of dickering with the different crafts. If Mr. Kruttschnitt would be establishing a precedent in recognizing the federation there might be some excuse for his position, but he wouldn't. He said it would give the men too much of a club over the systems, but the other roads have not found it so."

Situation in West. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—F. G. Ahearn, head of the bureau of economies of the Southern Pacific railroad said today that important developments in the present disagreement between the officials of the Harriman lines and the shopeners' federation are expected by tomorrow. Mr. Ahearn left the inference that the situation has become more serious than at any time since the departure of J. W. Kline for Chicago. The rumors received here by local officers of the federation that the Southern Pacific is preparing to lock out the union men next Monday are denounced as false and malicious by Mr. Ahearn.

BANQUET FOR ROBERTSON

Manager of Ideals Company Celebrates Fiftieth Birthday After the Show. There was merriment at the Krug theater last night after the performance of the Ideals, the occasion being a banquet in honor of Sam Robertson, manager of the Ideals. The dinner was tendered to the burlesque manager by Manager Frank of the Krug theater. Mr. Robertson observed his fiftieth birthday yesterday, and the dinner was given in celebration of his passing the half century mark. Present were more than sixty people, members of the company, visitors from the Gaiety, Brackets and Orpheum theaters.

Will Follow Namesake Into the Episcopal Ministry

Gardner Alpheus McWhorter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McWhorter of Chicago, formerly well known Omahans, will enter the Northwestern Theological seminary, Chicago, to begin his studies for the Protestant Episcopal priesthood this week.

Mr. McWhorter as a boy was a warm friend of the late Dean Gardner of Trinity cathedral, who was his God-father and in whose honor he was given the name of Gardner. Dean Gardner for many years was a close friend of the McWhorter family.

Bishop Arthur L. Williams of the Nebraska diocese is interested in Mr. McWhorter's ambition for the religious life and acts as his sponsor.

Mr. McWhorter is 22 years old. He studied at Creighton university and Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y. Last year he studied in Northwestern university.

It was while at Hobart college that Mr. McWhorter decided to enter the ministry and fifteen college friends at Hobart have entered Theological seminaries in the last two years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McWhorter and family, who have been residing in Evans-ton, Ill., for a year, will move this week to 708 Sheridan Road, Chicago.

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Gov. Carroll Loses in Church Politics

Iowan, Would-Be Delegate to Methodist Meet, Beaten by Harry Hopper.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Sept. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Beryl F. Carroll of Iowa was defeated by Harry Hopper of Indiana, Ia., for the honor of representing the Des Moines conference at the national meeting of the Methodist church yesterday afternoon. The national meeting will be held in Minneapolis. Hopper is a strong supporter of Simpson college, Indiana, and this was one source of his strength. An argument against Governor Carroll was that his home is in Bloomfield, which is not in this conference.

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New Gymnasium is Planned for Bellevue

Announcement Made that But Eight Thousand Dollars of the Old Debt Remains.

The thirtieth year of the existence of Bellevue college was formally opened Friday morning, when John L. Kennedy of Omaha, one of the trustees of the college, gave the convocation address in the chapel.

Dr. Braden, acting for the student body, presented Dr. Stookey with a president's chair for the chapel platform. A trio of college girls, Misses Mildred Stepp, Wilelmina Miller and Edna Findley, gave a musical number. The service ended with the singing of the "Purple and Gold," the college song, and a college yell by the students.

Registration is practically completed and a substantial increase over the attendance of last year is recorded. Only \$2,000 of the debt that has been hanging over the college for so many years now remains, and the finance committee expects to complete this fund within a few weeks. A fund has been provided for a gymnasium and auditorium to be built soon, and the prospects in every respect point to one of the most successful years in the history of the college and to rapid advance and growth in the future.

Kills Self Because Loses His Bank Book

Syrian Takes Own Life Because He Thinks Savings of One Thousand Dollars Are Gone.

Believing his bank book, showing deposits of more than \$1,000 in a bank at Ulysses, represented that much loss when it was stolen from him Thursday night, George Stefonoff, a Syrian, shot himself through the mouth at the Vienna hotel at 1:30 o'clock this morning, dying instantly. He left a note saying that his loss of the money had led him to self destruction. Coroner Crosby took the body and probably will hold an inquest. Stefonoff was an interpreter for the Burlington railroad. He was 23 years old.

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