

DEFER ACTION ON UNIONS OF CITY WORKERS

Mayor to Confer with Police and Firemen on Union Plans; Men May Ask Federal Aid.

A spirited discussion of the unionization of the police and fire departments, before city council members of the whole on Monday morning, resulted in an agreement that action by the council shall be deferred until Thursday morning and during the meantime conferences will be held in Mayor Smith's office between representatives of the city government and of the organizations affected.

The council committee of the whole received last week a resolution from the mayor, stating that it was the judgment of the council that any organization of policemen or firemen having for its purpose affiliation with other organizations would be regarded as against the best public interests and would be considered as insubordination. This resolution went over to Thursday.

Mayor and Ringer Talk.

In statements made during the public hearing, the mayor and Commissioner Ringer declared themselves as uncompromisingly committed to the stand they have taken on this matter, while representatives and leaders of organized labor were equally determined to stand by the policemen and firemen and even announced that if the council should take the extreme action as has been indicated, they would place the matter before the federal government for disposition.

In his opening statement the mayor said: "I wish to offer a word of justification for offering my resolution. Personally, I have no objection against the policemen organizing among themselves as long as they do not conflict in letter or spirit with the best interests of discipline and so long as they do not seek to become affiliated with other organizations of different classes of labor. If they should receive a charter from the American Federation of Labor and are affiliated with the Central Labor union, I would be unalterably opposed to such a course."

"To receive a charter from the American Federation of Labor would mean that they would meet and confer with other members of that organization and thereby would be susceptible to influence from others. A divided allegiance would result and that can not be tolerated. When a man becomes a policeman he surrenders part of his personal liberty."

Plead Outside Influence.

"During the recent campaign some of us stated that the police department was being run too much from the outside, and we pledged ourselves that if elected, the police department would be supervised from Eighteenth and Farnam streets—by the city government—and I am ready to stand by my pledge to the people. No outside agency is going to influence or control the police department if I can help it. The policemen must remain absolutely impartial in the discharge of their duties."

Stands By Order.

Superintendent Ringer of the police department following the mayor said: "I still stand by the order I issued, and I wish to state that it was furthest from my mind to make a threat or bluff. Having given the matter much thought I stated what penalty would be imposed for violation of my order. Men have a right to organize, but none of us will sanction injury to life or property. Organized labor or business interests can go just so far. Most of the loyal union men believe that a police department should have only one source of authority; general public opinion is opposed to unionism of police departments."

The mayor then added: "This council realizes that the policemen and firemen are shamefully underpaid. We went to the city charter convention and the new proposed charter provides for more pay. We are buying the best apparatus we can for the firemen and will provide new quarters for the policemen. We will stand by the policemen and the firemen and shall demand that they stand by us."

Will Ask Government Aid.

C. L. Shamp, announcing himself as general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, expressed himself as follows:

"We are going to organize any who come to us. The firemen and policemen voluntarily walked into Labor temple and asked to be organized. In connection with the firemen I know that if this proposed action is taken by the city council there is going to be the greatest time around Omaha we ever had."

"The policemen did not tell us what they wanted when they came to us, but I take it that they want something to eat. Mr. Ringer asked me if the organization had the right to strike and I told him that it had and that it would be affiliated with the Central Labor union, and said we would like to hold a conference. We expected to have to fight the Business Men's association. We are ready to go through with this and we are willing to let it go to the war board if necessary. If this council which represents the people locks us out we are going to take our case to the government."

Civic Clubs Represented.

W. M. Chase, representing various organizations of organized labor, asked this question: "Do you think that these men could get anything by coming to this council?"

Dr. C. B. Atzen, speaking for 186 members of the Omaha Rotary club, stated that his organization feels that the men are not satisfied with present compensation and recommended more pay, even if public subscriptions should be necessary.

He said: "Our club is unalterably opposed to the organization of policemen and firemen. If they go against the wishes of the people, we will not so easily obtain that which they seek to gain. Policemen

and firemen are pledged to protect the common interests. Can they do so as well when they organize and have rules which conflict with their oaths of office?"

C. C. George spoke for the Omaha Chamber of Commerce: "The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce," he said, "adopted a resolution in which it is stated that the mayor and council will be supported. We want the policemen and firemen well paid. Unionism of policemen and firemen would place the men in a false position to the community of else they would be false to their unions. If union labor wants to hurt its cause and to drive away public sympathy, there is no more effectual way than to try to organize unions among the policemen and firemen, who are semi-military in character and are sworn to protect life and property of all classes."

Christian Endeavor Union Officers Women; Men Called Into Army

The annual meeting of the Omaha Christian Endeavor union will be held Tuesday, October 1, instead of Tuesday, September 24, as before announced on account of the meeting at which Miss Slattery will address the girls and women of Omaha being planned for this date.

The meeting of Tuesday October 1, will be held at the First Christian church, at which time the new officers for the coming year will be installed and the annual reports on the last year's work will be given.

The following officers will be installed: Mrs. E. Lynne Kilgore, president; Mrs. Stuart C. Wigg, vice president; Mrs. Marie Kocher, recording secretary; Miss Ida Woolley, corresponding secretary; Miss Helen McDonald, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Winter, pianist.

All the officers, committee chairman and committee members will be girls this year, as practically all of the young men will be called into service who have not already received their call.

The members of all the societies of Christian Endeavor in the city and their friends are urged to attend this meeting, as an especially interesting program is planned.

Last Tuesday evening the third entertainment was given for the boys in the service at Florence field under the auspices of the Omaha Christian Temperance union. The West Sisters orchestra and Mrs. Grace Poole Steinberg furnished an evening of song and music for the boys and the Young Men's Christian association hut was filled to capacity. These entertainments are being planned for the winter by a committee from the union, with Mrs. Stuart C. Wigg as chairman.

Omaha Institutions Beneficiaries in Will of Josephine Kitchen

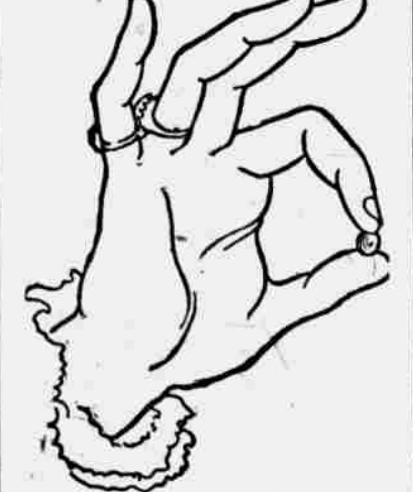
Five Omaha religious and charitable institutions are among the beneficiaries in the will of Josephine G. Kitchen, 78 years old, who died at her home in Los Angeles, Cal. on August 4, leaving an estate valued at \$116,875. The will, which was drawn up in June, 1918, has been offered for probate in the Douglas county court and the hearing has been set for October 19.

According to the provision of the will the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, both of Omaha, are to receive \$2,000 each. The sum of \$1,000 is left to each of the following: Old People's Home, Omaha; Child Saving Institute, Omaha; and Rev. C. W. Savidge, for use in carrying on his work at the House of Hope, Omaha.

Among the charities named in the estate is a set of Shakespeare's works, now at the home of M. C. Peters, 206 South Thirty-second avenue, Omaha, which is left to Mrs. Kitchen's niece, Lulu Ruble, of California. A considerable amount of cash and securities are on deposit in Omaha banks and among the investments are a large number of shares in the M. C. Peters Mill company, Omaha. A sister, Mary A. Ballard, Weston, Mo., receives the bulk of the estate.

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AIRSHIP DUELS WITNESSED BY TWO OMAHA LADS

Home Boys Write Interesting Descriptions of Scenes on the Western Battle Front.

Omaha boys are in evidence along the western front in France at the present time and some of the boys are in the thick of the fighting.

N. P. Feil, business manager of The Bee, received letters Monday from Corp. N. B. Heath, Company E, 35th infantry, and formerly of The Bee engraving room, and also from E. S. Arnold, who, before his enlistment, was connected with the bookkeeping department. He is now a private in Base hospital No. 49.

Corporal Heath, at the time of writing, was in a rest camp after having been under fire. He says: "Omaha must surely be thinned out of young men, as one can't go anywhere in France without seeing American soldiers."

"I am now in a rest camp, as I returned from the front line trenches not long ago. I found it to be quite an experience, but all of the Omaha boys are still on the job and our company is made up of at least half of Omaha men."

"I saw two balloons fall in flames today in less than five minutes. An airplane shot them down, and all four men appeared to alight in safety."

"One of the boys just came in saying the allies had made another big gain. Hurray! Don't let them tell you the Sammies are not doing their part."

Corporal Heath inquires of Mr. Feil, in the letter the address of Private E. S. Arnold a letter from whom came to Mr. Feil in the same mail as Heath's.

Private Arnold says: "We are in a very pretty section of France, and on an elevation that permits the overlooking of the surrounding country for quite a distance, and the red-tiled roofs of the villages as well as the wooded places makes a very pretty picture. There is a river near enough to walk for a swim. I've tried it and it is good. The weather here is pleasant, sunny and dry, and has been for the most part since our arrival, although a rain last week settled the dust and gave us cause for gratitude. We are told there is a rainy season coming, but are not disturbed until it arrives."

"We get a paper here, the Paris edition of the New York Herald. It is sometimes a two-page, but most of the time a four-page paper, of seven columns and sells for 20 centimes, or 4 cents, American money. That will give some idea of the scarcity of paper here."

Private George T. Kauffman of the Field hospital of the 166th Amer-

AT THE AGE OF 71 MRS. W. C. COCHRAN GAINS 22 POUNDS

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"I can walk twenty blocks now easier than I could one before I took Tanlac," said Mrs. W. C. Cochran, a well-known resident of Juliette, Idaho, recently. Mrs. Cochran says she has not only gotten complete relief from her suffering, but that she has actually gained twenty-two pounds besides. She is now 71 years of age, and her statement, which is altogether remarkable, will be of interest to every one.

"I suffered a complete nervous breakdown," said Mrs. Cochran, in explaining her case, "and have had very poor health for five years. My stomach was so upset that everything I ate would sour, causing gas and sharp pains in the pit of my stomach. Many a night I have spent half the time sitting up in bed; in so much pain that I could not sleep. Finally my back, over my kidneys, got to bothering me. I was also constipated and had attacks of severe headache. I had no appetite, was losing weight all the time, and got so weak I couldn't walk a block without stopping to rest and get my breath. I was so nervous and afraid to be alone, and had to have some relative or neighbor stay with me all the time. Two years ago I spent over \$200 with a specialist on nervous disorders, but kept getting worse and since then I have been under treatment most of the time without any noticeable results."

"A friend of mine who had gotten fine results from Tanlac, advised me to try it, and I commenced to feel better after the first few doses. Before I started on my second bottle I was eating hearty and getting more enjoyment out of my meals than I had in years. I have just started on my fifth bottle now, and I can eat just anything I want, and digest it perfectly, and all my stomach misery is gone. When I started taking Tanlac I just weighed one hundred and three pounds. I now weigh one hundred and twenty-five, making a gain of twenty-two pounds. And this shows how wonderfully Tanlac has built me up. My back never troubles me now at all; I am not constipated any more, and am entirely free from headache. I sleep like a child and have so much more strength and energy that I don't get tired and out of breath like I did. I am glad to recommend Tanlac for it certainly has been a wonderful medicine for me."

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ican expeditionary forces, writes from the front line trenches: "We are getting a much-needed rest which we surely need. Our work comes at spells. We will work night and day for a few days and then we get a rest for quite a spell, for the infantry can't stand a continuous grind for a long spell even though they have the Huns on the run, and they sure have them hunting their holes most of the time."

"When the wounded come back we have a bunch of operating teams at work and in a short time I have seen all kinds of surgery performed. There has been lots of excitement lately. At one place we worked directly behind the firing line, behind the artillery positions, and it seemed as though our teeth would be jarred out by the concussion. We worked exposed to German fire for about a day and a half, before we were ordered a few kilos to the

rear to open up a hospital. I saw an observation balloon set on fire and also witnessed an aeroplane duel at close range, and saw the boche machine sent to the ground. "I went over a famous battlefield after the fighting and on one hill we found so much shrapnel strewn over the ground that it looked as though it had literally rained steel over the field. I saw trees the size of a man's body, which had been cut in two by the shrapnel."

Boy Scouts to Distribute Fourth Liberty Loan Signs

The Boy Scouts will distribute posters for windshields of automobiles with the slogan, "Save Now for the Fourth Liberty Loan," to help launch the Liberty loan campaign.

OMAHA BOY HAS PLANE RIDDLED ON FIRST FLIGHT

Lieutenant Kenneth Norton, Home on Leave, Tells of Fighting Hun Fliers in France.

To have his plane riddled with bullets and narrowly escape death in his first flight over the German lines, was the thrilling experience of Lt. Kenneth Norton, who lately re-

turned from France and is spending his leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Norton, 117 South Thirty-eighth street.

Lieutenant Norton, who is an Omaha boy, enlisted in the air service during his senior year at Cornell university and received his training and commission at Mount Clemmons, Michigan. He left for France in September of last year. During his 11 months in France he served as an instructor in an American school of aviation and at the front as aerial pilot in a bombing machine. Lieutenant Norton's work as aerial pilot consisted of bombing the German lines from the front line trenches back. "But my experiences were not very thrilling compared to some others I have had," said Lieutenant Norton "or to some I might have had. Yet they seemed thrilling

to me for it was the nearest I came to death.

While he was abroad, Lieutenant Norton saw two Omaha boys, Lyman McConnell, who is in an aero-construction squadron, and Lt. Perry Singles.

Lieutenant Norton is on leave of absence until October 2, after which his work will consist of consultant and advisor in the air service either in this country or abroad.

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