MUSICIANS ASK 60 PER CENT IN NEW CONTRACT

Theater Owners Say They Cannot Meet Demand and Will Dispense With String Music.

The orchestra pits of Omaha theaters will be empty beginning September, unless the musicians recede from their demand for an increase in wage of 60 per cent.

That is the opinion which now prevails among the theater managers, including both the regular houses and the motion picture theaters.

The regular musicians are now being paid $35 to $45 a week, according to where they play and leaders are paid $50 to $75 per week. Most of the players are paid $35 a week for four hours' work a day and many earn additional money by playing at hotels and clubs.

The increase demanded, if granted, would increase a $35 per week player to $56 and a $50 leader to $80. The musicians have indicated that they want the increased scale included in their next contracts, September 1.

Refuse to Meet Demand.

The managers have offered to compromise with the musicians, but they have plainly indicated that they will not meet the 60 per cent increase, and they add that they will operate without orchestras before they will submit. The picture theater managers state they can get along with pipe organs.

"We are not making as much net profits under our present scale of admission prices as we earned when we charged 10 cents and 20 cents," said H. B. Watts, manager of the Strand theater. "If we granted the demand for an increase of 60 per cent to the musicians we would have to pass it on to the public and I don't believe that the people will stand for another increase in movie theater admissions. We can't see our way clear to grant the increase. It is prohibitive. I might also state that we have as many attendants during the hours when the orchestra is not playing. We now have an orchestra of 11 players and a leader. The increased scale, which has been demanded, means that we would have to pay eleven players $56 a week, a leader $84 per week, one organist, $70 and another organist $56. This would be a total of $42,952 a year for music. We can't do it."

Willing to Arbitrate.

The Rialto theater, which is under the same management as the Strand, will pursue the same policy in this situation, it was said.

W. Ledoux, manager of the Empress, offered the following statement: "The managers would agree to pay the players $45 per week and the leaders in proportion, but they will not sign new contracts on the basis of 60 per cent increase. You should remember that these musicians play on an average of three to four hours a day in the theaters. The managers asked the musicians to modify their demands and they replied that the managers could increase their prices of admission. It should be understood that an increase to the musicians would mean increases to other theater employes. The musicians have been increased every year for the last five years.

Too Much, Says Goldberg.

H. L. Goldberg, speaking for the Sun and Moon theaters, said: "We are not adverse to having orchestras in our theaters, and we even feel the necessity of having them. We feel that in justice to the public we should not increase our admission prices and therefore we cannot grant the 60 per cent increase. We have offered a fair compromise. It will be necessary to discontinue our orchestras if the men insist on their 60 per cent demands. This is not a fight on our part at all. We believe the musicians are entitled to some increase."

Holt County Road Truck Crashes Into Flood Waters

O'Neill, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—One of the big quad trucks of the Holt county highway department, weighing 8,000 pounds and loaded with two and one-half yards of gravel, crashed through a temporary section of the old bridge over the Elkhorn river just south of O'Neill Thursday. The accident was caused by the steel bridge joists sagging der the load and slipping off the pile cap at one end of the bridge. The truck, carrying Ace Hubbard and Chauncey Porter, dropped into the flood waters 12 feet deep, which were rising as the result of a cloud burst a few hours before. The truck was taken out by a bridge crew and in uninjured.

Fremont Plans Lecture Series on Public Welfare

Fremont, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—Fremont supporters of the proposed public welfare ordinance have called a second series of community meetings to gain more local aid before presenting their demand for supervised amusement to the city council. Theodore Hanson, superintendent of the National Public Welfare league, and Judge Arthur G. Wray of York will open a series of meetings Sunday.

Land Commission Plans Appraisal Trip in State

Lincoln, June 12. — (Special.)—Land Commissioner Dan Swanson will leave Monday for an extended trip through several counties of the state for the purpose of reappraising school lands. Among the counties he will visit will be Pierce, Knox, Holt, Brown, Cherry, Sheridan, Scottsbluff, Box Butte, Grant, Hooker and Thomas.

Refuses Dry Nomination.

Lincoln, June 12.—(Special.)—Harvey Myers of Alliance has refused to run for land commissioner and has returned his certificate of nomination to Secretary of State Amsberry, giving as his reason that he has not the time to devote to the office. He was nominated on the prohibition ticket.

Vacation Epidemic Hits Wahoo and Many Leave

Wahoo, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—The vacation epidemic has struck Wahoo and all are checking up their bank accounts to determine just how long a vacation they are going to be able to take. William Vlcek, John Biggerstaff, Emory Peters, Henry Erickson are at Willmar, Minn.; Prof Freeborn and family have gone to Colorado Springs, Mrs. Arthur Anderson is at Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Miss Isabella Rand is spending her vacation in California and Mrs. Lena Jacobs has gone to Elkhart, Ind.

Code Commission to Hold Conferences in State

Lincoln, June 12. — (Special.)—Conferences under the children's code commission have been arranged by Secretary Prevey for Seward, York and Aurora on June 14, Grand Island and Kearney June 15, Minden and Holdrege June 16, Hastings and Clay Center June 17, and Geneva June 18. At the Kearney meeting arrangements will be made for the holding of the district conference, which is made up of the counties of Dawson, Buffalo, Kearney, Adams, Franklin and Webster.

Reorganize Wahoo Band And Plan Weekly Concerts

Wahoo, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—The Wahoo band has been reorganized and has retained Prof. Charles Prokop as leader. The Community club have supplemented financial assistance furnished by the city so that weekly band concerts will be given at Wahoo Friday nights.

Newsboys Will Be Guests At Salvation Army Home

Newsies of Omaha will be treated to a social at the Salvation Army home, 1715 Davenport street, Thursday night at 8 o'clock. About 400 newsboys are expected to attend. A feature of the social will be a setting-up exercise class of about 300.

Seeks European Trade.

Fremont, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—To organize European ports for the Nye Schneider Grain company of this city, which largely is one of the largest in the United States, Frank Fowler, vice president in charge, has gone to Boston. Branches will be opened in Liverpool, Amsterdam and Brussels.

Governor's Secretary Quits.

Lincoln, June 12.—(Special.)—O. H. Zumwinkel, private secretary to Governor McKelvie, will leave the employ of the state in a few days having accepted the position of assistant secretary of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

Will Visit War Friends.

Fremont, Neb., June 12. — (Special.)—Emil Johnson of Fremont, who served almost two years in France during the war as a member of the 11th engineers, will sail Monday for a visit to friends made during the war.

Pioneer Teacher Dies.

Fremont, eb., June 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Northway, 85 years old, formerly a teacher at Peru normal school and for 50 years in public school work, died here. She is survived by a con, Edward Northway of Fremont.

Man Hurt in Pullman.

C. N. Dietz, 428 South Twenty-eighth street, was painfully injured when his left hand was squeezed under the hinge of a door in the drawing room of a Pullman car as he was returning from the republican convention in Chicago.

Here"s What Famous Duchess of France Says of Americans

Paris, June 12.—Here is what the Duchess of Clermont-Tonnerre, leader of the French "four hundred," says of "love in America" in her articles entitled "U. S. A.," now running in the Paris newspaper Excelsior:

Love, to the American, has but one meaning: a baby!

Puritans of the puritans, these strange Americans, who nevertheless let exist a vice in the underworld of their cities which is one of the most terrible on earth.

But in his home the American is the lover of Elysia. His wife is his God. He marries because he loves, and he loves because he would like to have an heir.

Liaisons of passion, such as we know in Europe, are unknown, or rarely unknown, in America.

They have forbidden alcohol, they would forbid tobacco, but they have no need to forbid love, for love is to them an unknown world, covered by a sheath of idealism.

Idealism, commercialism — they are masters of both.

These electrical Americans!

High Premiums Set For North Dakota's Annual State Fair

Fargo, N. D., June 12.—Approximately $40,000 in premiums will be awarded at the North Dakota state fair, which will be held here July 12 to 17. In addition there will be numerous special prizes, cups, medals and trophies, given by breeding associations, commercial clubs and agricultural organizations.

Entries of live stock already listed show that the fair will be the greatest event of its kind ever held in the northwet. One item of interest to the farmer and dairyman will be entries of 100 milking shorthorns. Owners of this dual purpsoe animal are thoroughly organized throughout the state.

Herefords will be strong contenders. Numerous farmers in this and nearby states have pinned their faith in this splendid beef producing breed. Pure-bred swine and sheep will be much in evidence and an interesting class will be pure-bred turkeys, the production of which is becoming an important industry in these parts.

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POLICE UNABLE TO GET CLUE IN WHIST MURDER

Chauffeur Tells Officers Several Women Friends Had Keys to Sportman's Apartments.

New York, June 12.—Twenty-four hours after the murder of Joseph B. Elwell, wealthy sportsman and authority on whist, the police admitted today that they were virtually without an important clue as to who shot him in his home in this city.

Examination of scores of friends and acquaintances served the purpose, however, of convincing the police that there was nothing to substantiate a slight suspicion that he might have ended his own life. No weapon was found in the house.

Detectives attached some importance to the story told by Elwell's chauffeur, Edward B. Rhodes, that he knew a number of women friends had keys to Mr. Elwell's home. These women were wont to come and go at will, Rhodes told the police.

Mrs. Elwell, who had been legally separated from her husband since 1911, was questioned by the police last night. The police declined to make public anything regarding the nature of this interview.

It became known today that Mr. Elwell dined on the Ritz Carlton roof Thursday night with a party of friends. Leaving the hotel, the party went to a midnight theatrical performance and about 2 o'clock Friday morning Mr. Elwell bade good-bye to his friends at Broadway and Forty-second street.

Mr. Elwell strolled away and nothing more is known of his movements until his housekeeper found him in the living room of his home at 8:30, seated in an arm chair facing the street window.

A postman delivered mail at 7:30 a. m., which the police said was taken by Mr. Elwell. The circumstances indicate the shooting took place in the hours that elapsed between the mail delivery and the arrival of his housekeeper.

Mr. Elwell was alone in the 14-room house. His bed had not been touched and his evening dress clothes had been folded and placed on the back of a chair. An empty cartridge was found on the floor. The bullet, after passing through his head, embedded itself in the wall.

Cloudburst at O'Neill.

O'Neill, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—A cloudburst Thursday accompanied by hail swept a strip ten miles wide and put the electric company out of commission for several hours.

MEXICAN COURT HOLDS FIVE FOR DEATH OF CHIEF

Blamed Because "They Did Not Die at His Side as They Should Have Done."

Mexico City, June 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Generals Francisco Murguia, Francisco L. Urquizo, Frederico Montes and Juan Barragan have been formally detained in connection with the death of former President Carranza. This action was taken by the Third federal district court last night.

A committee of two military experts reported to the court that Generals Murguia, Urquizo, Barragan and Francisco De P. Mariel were chiefly responsible for the death of Carranza, because, among other reasons, "they did not die at his side as they should have done."

General Mariel was not, however, held by the court in connection with the assassination of the former president but with the other accused men, is charged with the taking away of national funds at the time of Carranza's flight from this city.

NO COCOANUTS, SO MONKEY GOES BACK TO CAGE

Bosco, Hanscom Park Pet, Gives Self Up After Meandering Through Riverview Two Days.

"Bosco," the wild monkey which escaped from Riverview park and for two days threatened to distract attention from Fairacres' pet bruin, is back in captivity.

After two days of luxurious freedom "Bosco" discovered no coconuts and gave himself up, according to John Kliemer, gardener at the Hanscom park green houses.

"Poor Bosco got lonesome and hungry, so he came back to me," said Mr. Kliemer. "Bosco spent the winter in the green house at Hanscome park and we got quite well acquainted.

"I knew he would be dissatisfied when they took him back to Riverview park, but I didn't expect him to find his way back to Hanscom. All winter long he had a far-away look in his eyes, longing to hang by his tail and throw coconuts.

"Well, he hung enough by his tail because the fur was pretty near worn off, but he couldn't find any coconuts.

He might have heard about the ferocious bear in Fairacres and become frightened. Monkeys are used to lions and tigers, but bears can climb trees.

Police received a report Thursday evening that a huge gorilla was terrorizing residents near Riverview park. They were unable to find the beast, however. One child was bitten, it was reported.

Children in the neighborhood avoided the park and the keeper spent most of his time trying to capture the monkey.

But the children were back at play in the park today, for Bosco is safe in his own cage, while Fairacres' bruin confines his activities to that district of the city.

Omaha Air Mail Pilot Has Second Crash In Few Weeks

Pilot D. A. Martin of the Omaha-Chicago air mail route, crashed to the ground near Audubon, Ia., at 3:40 p. m. Friday, Manager William I. Votaw learned yesterday.

Pilot Martin left Omaha for Chicago Friday at 1 p. m. He escaped injury, but the plane suffered severe damage.

This is the second accident for Pilot Martin on the Omaha-Chicago route, his first occurring several weeks ago when he crashed to the ground at Iowa City.

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AMERICA BUYS 14,000 TONS OF ARGENTINE SUGAR

Plenty Available for Commercial Canners, Says Assistant to Attorney General Palmer.

New York, June 12.—Thirty-four million pounds of sugar will be available for commercial canners and preservers during the five months from June 1 to October 31, A. W. Riley, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer, announced here today. Assurances that the sugar will be provided were given, Mr. Riley said, by representatives of the leading refiners.

Representatives of the canning and preserving industries told him, Mr. Riley said, that both industries were in a serious condition due to the threatened shortage of sugar. The refiners promised, he added, that the supply would be available at a reasonable price. They expressed willingness to fill the orders of all essential industries, but declared that the principal obsticle was lack of transportation.