

BIG CLEANUP MADE IN OMAHA

NEW CONDITIONS FOR RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

United States Labor Board Decides on 14 Per Cent Reduction

UNION LEADERS SIDESTEP ISSUE

Rail Employees Asked to Share Responsibility for Getting Country Back to Normal and They Will Vote on Proposed Wage Reduction

Railroad employees of the United States have discovered that they will be forced, like everybody else, to meet up-to-date conditions, that are facing the people of the country. Some time ago the United States Labor Board ordered a general reduction of 14 percent in the salaries of nearly all railroad employees. At a conference of heads of sixteen organized rail men's organizations this week it was decided to put before the membership itself the question of whether they should accept the reduction. They will vote on the question between this time and September 1.

This is a very vital business. As a class railroad employees of all kinds are considered to possess more than ordinary intelligence. Their leaders have refused to accept responsibility for agreeing to the reduction and have "passed the buck" to the men themselves. It is reasonable to believe that these leaders realize that the war is over and that railroad men like every other class of labor must meet the new conditions. These conditions mean that there must be a readjustment of railroad wages, the same as is going on in all other lines of labor.

When the war came on the government very wisely made exceptions of railroad men, in its soldier drafts. Many railroad employees declined to take advantage of these exceptions, much to their credit. The great majority of them, however, escaped the draft and remained on duty at greatly inflated wage scales and benefited greatly by so doing. With the ending of the war there necessarily was a readjustment of labor conditions. The factory people were the first to feel it and have accepted the new conditions without a whimper. Many of the railroad men, however,

are inclined to oppose any attempt to get back to normal.

As a general proposition, it has been pretty soft for railroad men for a long time and, like all others they must face the new conditions just like other people are facing them. They will be called upon to vote on the acceptance of this 14 per cent reduction in the near future and if they are wise they will use good judgment and not start a battle. The people of the country at this time are demanding reduced freight rates, and sooner or later railroads will be forced to meet these demands, which means they will be forced to reduce their expenses.

As a general proposition, railroad men have no complaint to make. They have been earning immense salaries for several years but, like all other classes of labor, must meet new conditions. Refusal to meet the mediation proposition means industrial strife of extraordinary proportions, in which the losers will be the men themselves. Leaders of railroad labor unions themselves realize this fact very fully, and for that reason, decided not to accept responsibility for either accepting the order of the United States Labor Board or recommending it to members of their various organizations.

The rail labor union is a mighty fine thing and is necessary for the protection of the men who are employed by the railroads of the country. The members should not, however, permit their membership in these organizations to lead them to believe that they can take control of the railroads. They should exercise the same judgment in dealing with their employers that they use in casting their votes at a national election.

In electing national officials, these

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FRASER ADMINISTERS GENUINE LICKING TO INSURGENT MEMBERS

Two Leaders Expelled For Ten Years And Sovereign Commander Re-Elected For Another Four-Year Term With Other Supreme Officers of W. O. W.

The small coterie of so-called insurgents who have been attempting to wreck the Woodmen of the World, an insurance organization with a million members met their Waterloo at the New York convention which has just closed. The two leaders in the movement, Claude Wilkerson, a Missouri peanut lawyer, and William Franklin of Oklahoma, were expelled from the order for ten years and William A. Fraser, sovereign commander was chosen to succeed himself for another term of four years.

This action of the convention was a sequel to a bitter attack made on Mr. Fraser and other supreme officers of the Woodmen organization by men who have been divorced from the payroll. Mr. Fraser succeeded J. C. Root, founder of the W. O. W., who died a few years ago. Fraser has been one of the real builders of the Woodmen, and the big fifteen story Woodmen of the World building at Fourteenth and Farnam is the Omaha monument to his leadership of this big organization. That building established for all time the home of this immense institution, which employs nearly a thousand Omaha people and keeps something like a million dollars in cash in Omaha banks at all times.

When Fraser became head of the W. O. W. he discovered a long list of "pensioners" on the payroll of the big institution who were doing little or nothing in return for their fat salaries. He then proceeded to make a

fearless cleaning. It was, therefore, natural for him to meet opposition when he sought re-election to his position. This opposition he met in a fearless manner and when he went to New York to the convention just closed did not hesitate to show up his defamers. The local insurgency was led by County Commissioner Charles Unitt, who did not have the nerve to face the Fraser bunch in New York. From all appearances it was very healthy for Unitt that he stayed at home. He doubtless would have met the same fate that came to Wilkerson and Franklin.

Incidentally Mr. Fraser was decorated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for his intense activity during the war. Fraser was on the bureau of war risk insurance for Uncle Sam and probably promoted more sales of liberty bonds than any other individual who interested himself in the disposal of these bonds in the United States.

Fraser is to be congratulated on his work at this convention. He outgeneraled all of the small fry that undertook to get his official scalp, and administered to his jealous opponents a genuine licking, of which he may be very proud.

Some of our Omaha daily newspapers have thrown cold water on Mr. Fraser's fine work, which has been no less a sincere effort to build up and strengthen his organization than it has been able to do the city of Omaha a good turn.

JUST KIDS—Sooty Water

By Ad Cartas



DR. FREDERICK LAKE BRIGHTS DISEASE VICTIM

Dr. Frederick Lake, one of Omaha's well known and popular physicians is dead, a victim of Bright's disease. Dr. Lake was 45 years old. He has been a Mediator subscriber for fifteen years. He was a son of the late Judge Lake, who boasted of being in his prime at 80, and died only a few years ago.

Wising Up Some of the Boys

Some of Omaha's wise birds got it into their heads that when the present administration came into power it meant that license was issued to everybody to do just as they pleased. They have been badly disappointed. Last week the morals squad made the rounds and pinched everything they came across that looked like a disorderly house proprietor or bootlegger. They managed to round up a big bunch of them, that filled the new building at Eleventh and Dodge streets and kept Judge Wappich busy nearly all one day disposing of them. They missed a few places but showed no partiality. Rosa Mann, who is operating the old joint at Thirteenth and Cass streets, managed to get by without molestation. Gus Romstedt being in Sweden, was out of reach and some of the barber shops with "wet" annexes also were missed.

At any rate it is apparent that Mayor Dahlman and his associates are not going to overlook any bets. Chief Dempsey says he will get them all before he gets through with them. And Mike apparently means business.

Recently there have sprung up a myriad of new bootlegging joints. Many of them are in private residences. The temptation to manufacture a little "home brew" very cheaply and dispose of it at fifty to seventy-five cents per bottle has attracted even many of the housewives, to say nothing of the big "wholesalers," with the result that this fermented stuff, mostly very green, has been coming on the market in huge quantities.

The morals squad, consisting chiefly of Detectives Danbaum and Palmtag, has been gathering them in as fast as possible and reports say many more are due for a visit in the near future. Mayor Dahlman is quoted as saying that he will not be criticized for permitting this business to go on and that anybody who violates Nebraska liquor laws will do so at their own risk. Incidentally, a score of state agents have been working in Omaha for two weeks, with orders to report to the governor such infractions of the liquor laws as they may find in Douglas county.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Charlie Jacobson was talking about disposing of his half interest in the street car barn at Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue. Nobody took much stock in his talk.

Some of our village barbers reduced charges for their work. A lot of them we know would leave customers in debt if they did the work for nothing.

Sam Morris went out of the pottery business. He was a great poet in his time but that was not a very long time. He quit when the court house was burned.

Frank Greener's stinkierinos still appeared on some of our cigar counters. Many of our young smokers got along with Frank, simply because they could not get rid of him.

Jack Broomfield, one of our well known colored politicians, said he was not putting out anything. Some of the fellows who had been on his trail admitted that was the truth.

Helmer Neilson wirelessly from his Riverside Drive home in Los Angeles that the story about him being "miked" by California gold mining men was quite untrue. He also asked to be notified when the Storz brewery opened again for real business.

Jim Griffin was the goat again. He threatened to get out of the business for good.

Marie Griffin threatened the editor with bad things if he ever put her name in the paper. That is the reason she is not mentioned.

The story about Harry Pullman going to work proved to be untrue.

Carl Daggerman left part of his name off Chief Dempsey's register, but at last reports a bunch of cops were on his trail.

When Emil Larson tried to buy a shirt waist at Naken's big store, Naken was unable to fit him and Larson was badly disappointed.

Jim Ford was not doing much talking, by the way. Some of his friends said there was a good reason for it.

MORAL SQUAD TAKES 200 LAW VIOLATORS

Judge Wappich Holds All Day Session of Police Court

PAINTED WOMEN AGAIN IN BUSINESS

Danbalm And Palmtag Make Many Raids And Land on Numerous Bawdy Houses And Bootleg Joints—Some of Victims Have Alibis

Omaha police records have many interesting chapters, but none with more human interest was ever written than on July 5, when something like 200 pimps, bad women, bootleggers and proprietors of disreputable houses appeared before Judge Wappich with an attempt to swear their sins away. At no time when Omaha had 350 saloons and bawdy houses that did business unmolested did there ever appear in police court such a motley crowd. Prohibition was given credit for the whole business, apparently just where the credit belonged.

For two days and nights, previous to Independence Day, Omaha's morals squad headed by Officers Danbaum and Palmtag, had rounded up the numerous places where corn whisky, alcohol and home brewed beer had been peddled and also picked up some of the city's bad women and cheap gambling joints. They were all on hand to make their explanations July 5, and it took Judge Wappich nearly all day to listen to the various explanations made by women and men who had been pinched in the various raids. Many of the victims forfeited their bonds; others paid liberal fines and a few were sent to jail.

Clarence Hawk, Farnam street confectionery dealers, who had been arrested charged with running a disorderly house at Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets, was one of the few to be dismissed. Hawk's place is what is known as high-class. Officer Summit charged that a crap game was operated in the basement, although he produced no evidence to bear out the statement. As a matter of fact Hawk catered to the best class of trade in his neighborhood and permits no hangers-on to stick around his place. He produced evidence to show his place was operated in a clean cut manner.

From all indications a lot of people had decided that with the change of administration, license to commit murder if necessary had come to them.

and they proceeded to go the limit. The result was that Chief of Police Dempsey, apparently on instructions from Superintendent Dunn, gave orders for a cleaning that was very systematically carried out by Danbaum and Palmtag. They did a pretty good job of it, although they apparently overlooked a few bets. Rosa Mann's joint, upstairs at Thirteenth and Davenport streets was overlooked, for just what reason was not explained. It is stated that Rosa maintains but one girl regularly, but has a whole corps of them on call. She is credited with being an old timer in the business. The old Mickey Mullon place at Sixteenth and Davenport, credited with being the best equipped bootlegging joint in Omaha, escaped, but Charlie Tyrrell, a door north was picked up. St Colwell's spit drink place two doors north of Tyrrell's also was raided and Jim Griffin, the bar tender taken to the station.

The grocery at Twenty-fifth and Cumming where hooch has long been on sale was overlooked, as were a number of barber shops. All of these, however, are slated for a visit it is intimated.

It appears that violators of the Volstead law decided they could get away with anything with the change of city administration and they have been going to it with a vim for the last six or eight weeks. It is reliably stated, however, that they are all in for a disappointment.

When the motley crowd faced Judge Wappich that jurist dealt out justice in a manner that indicated he knew what he was doing. He had some good advice for some of the victims, and showed that he was human. The bull pen furnished its usual quota, although considerably augmented. These fellows fared better than many others who were there to defend themselves.

One of the facts brought our particularly was that the old bawdy house is attempting to get back on the map. Continued on Page 2.

DODGE STREET BEER DISPENSERS PICKED UP BY SHERIFFS DEPUTIES

Daggerman's Place Raided And Thirsty Omahans Found Having Big Time at Old Kanett Farm on West Dodge Road—Big Sentences Are Possible

Charlie Hoyer and two of his associates, under Sheriff's of Douglas county, who are employed by Mike Clark, our high sheriff, went out to Carl Daggerman's beer garden, on West Dodge street, Saturday night and discovered Daggerman breaking his neck to serve "home brew" to something like a hundred thirsty Omahans who had gone thither to refresh themselves in the good old fashioned manner. Daggerman, who gave his name as Dagg, and two associates were placed in durance to await trial on serious charges. It is said they are to be tried under the new law, which provides minimum sentences of \$500 fine and thirty days in jail. The maximum is something like five years with Mr. Fenton, who presides over the state prison at Lincoln.

Daggerman has been getting away pretty soft. His place is the old Olie Kanett farm on the Dodge street road. Kanett was formerly a saloon keeper at Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets, but is now dead. Daggerman has been doing a big business. Home brew was on hand in huge amounts, and Daggerman found plenty of thirsty people who purchased it at fifty cents a quart. Fifty

automobiles were parked at the Daggerman place, while the occupants were being served with home brew in old fashioned beer garden style. They forgot to figure on Mike Clark. It was the old story. The sheriff soon learned of the game and did not hesitate to pick up the guilty fellows who were making a mint of money and they were landed behind the bars, being unable to furnish \$500 bonds. Their cases were set for Wednesday morning. Daggerman's beer garden has been one of the most popular on the adjacent country roads. Being of comparatively easy access customers came in droves. They imbibed into the wee small hours of the morning during the hot nights. Afternoon matinees were also popular. Most of the taxicab drivers were familiar with the place and steered their thirsty customers out to the Kanett farm. Although something like a hundred customers were indulging when Deputy Sheriffs Hoyer, Johnson and Quackenbush reached the spot, none of them were taken, the law confining itself to the proprietor of the place and his active assistants.

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THAT MATTERS PARDON

The pardon of Thomas Matters, sent to the Leavenworth penitentiary for helping wreck a bank at Sutton, Neb., is not proving very popular in Omaha. Matters after being convicted, side-stepped the federal penitentiary for six or seven years and, after finally landing there, spent only seven weeks before President Harding took up his case and issued a pardon.

If ever a man was due to get all that was given him of a penitentiary sentence that man was Tom Matters, according to the evidence given in the case. It was one of the most high handed jobs of bank wrecking ever committed in this part of the country.

Only the greatest admiration can be expressed for Tate Matters, the son, and for the daughter, who so nobly labored to keep their father out of prison, but the old man himself got only a fraction of his deserts. It was a bad example for President Harding to set. There are thousands of men serving long terms in the penitentiaries of the country who are much more entitled to their freedom than was Tom Matters.

Taken all around, it was bad business. Matters is back in his office, exhibiting his usual nerve. It is even intimated that he will again take up the practice of law. If the legal profession stands for him it will commit a crime against as fine a bunch of men as the country contains, because no respectable attorney wants to be classified with penitentiary birds and bank wreckers. It would not be an easy matter to find a person who has dealt to any great extent with Matters, especially in financial affairs that will approve his pardon. This will be especially true in Sutton, Neb., where many widows and orphans are still suffering as the result of the bank at that place being wrecked. One of the men associated with Matters named Luebben is still laboring in prison as punishment for being a party to the crime for which Matters has just been pardoned. If there were really any good excuses for pardoning Matters the public has a right to know what they were.

BOXING GAME AGAIN REINSTATED

The boxing game is apparently back on the map to stay, unless a lot of ambitious promoters and fakirs again put it on the hummer. As a general proposition, boxing has been considered the great manly art. Without exception, real Americans have indulged in it, either as principals or witnesses for a hundred years.

Many years ago, alleged reformers undertook to put an end to the boxing game and secured laws in most of our states which all but accomplished their purpose. Recently a number of states have passed laws calculated to encourage boxing and to govern its practice. These laws have afforded considerable relief, but in too many instances have resulted in creating a "fight trust." That is, promoters with plenty of money have been able to secure a corner on the business. The recent Dempsey-Carpentier affair in Jersey City was a million dollar affair, in which a few ambitious and wealthy men garnered in from five to twenty dollars each from 100,000 persons and were protected in their highway robbery by iniquitous laws.

This is the sort of business that once killed the game and will do the same thing again if this system is permitted to continue. The gate receipts of the Dempsey-Carpentier match were placed at slightly over one million dollars, with the principals receiving about half of it. There can be no doubt about the boxing game being a very interesting one, but some judgment and common sense must be indulged in by promoters to popularize it and make it the great national pastime it once was.

Of course somebody has to promote and carry out these matches, but if the business is popularized, so that everybody may see these good matches at popular prices it will stand a much better chance of remaining legal.

The Independence Day fight program at the Auditorium was promoted along proper lines and the American Legion men who had charge of it are to be congratulated for their fine work. This sort of boxing programs will do very much to make the game popular and it keeps down the howls of the so-called reformers.

GIVE YOUR MAIL

CARRIER A RIDE

When you see your mail man on his way to and from the postoffice or going any place else do not fail to pick him up if you have room in your automobile. The street railway recently took away the transportation these men have enjoyed so long. Uncle Sam allows two car checks for each trip, which means that if the carrier makes any extra rides he must pay his own fare. Most of the mail men are forced to make extra trips. These men are always making an extra effort to serve the people and are asked to do many things not required of them by Uncle Sam. The auto driver can do little less than pick up the mail man any time he sees that mail man footing it to or from work, with a heavy bag of mail swung on his shoulder.

RAGANS SPEND HONEYMOON WITH CANADIAN VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ragan are on their way home from Canadian wilds, following a honeymoon trip of two weeks. Mrs. Ragan was Miss Francis Dennison. The wedding, which occurred two week ago, was a brilliant one and among the guests were all the city commissioners. Hundreds who long have known the father of the bride for many years gathered after the wedding to offer congratulations and best wishes.

The young couple will live at the Dennison home, on Florence boulevard for the present, until they can get located.

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEFINES LEGAL LIGHTS

The secretary of state has just issued some new information regarding what is required of automobile owners in the way of dimmers on lights. Instructions are also given with respect to adjustment, which

leaves no excuse for the fellow who would plead ignorance of the law. The statement says:

No lens meets with the requirements of safe driving unless the bulb is properly focused. When a bulb is properly focused it is placed in the correct position in the headlight with respect to the reflector. This is a simple matter since all headlights are equipped with a device for moving the bulb backward or forward in the reflector. The four in common use are:

1. The rim adjustment which is operated by turning a screw or thumb nut on the rim of the reflector.
2. The bulb adjustment which is operated by pushing, pulling or turning the bulb with the fingers.
3. The inside adjustment. In this case the reflector must be removed from the headlight and adjusted from the rear.
4. The outside adjustment. This adjustment is the easiest to operate and consists of a screw or thumb nut located on the back of the lamp case.

The list of approved lenses tells which of the four focal adjustments the bulb should be in and also what tilt should be given to the headlight. What does this mean? With No. 1, the filament of the lamp bulb is at the focal point of the reflector. The resulting beams of light are almost straight ahead and of the smallest diameter. With No. 2, all of the filament is back of the focal point of the reflector, the resulting beam of light will then be spread out as much as possible. In No. 3, the filament of the lamp bulb is only slightly back of the focal point. The resulting beams of light are larger than with No. 2. With No. 4, all of the filament is ahead of the focal point of the reflector.

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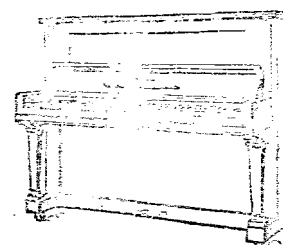
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It is to be presented by Betty & Chappies, a trio of talented artists; youth, personality and ability. Piano playing, mirth provoking surprises and innumerable laugh compelling antics play an important part in the offering. The act is billed under the caption of "I Hate That Guy" and is guaranteed to keep the audience in the happiest frame of mind.

An act that will afford much amusement and plenty of laughter is that to be presented by Ned Haverly and Jack Rogers, a duo of blackface comedians, singers and dancers. Bill-go squawse quads epi ssosod ouad as "The Two Black Birds", this clever team of youngsters impersonate two types of the present day darkey as seen in the southland. Their performance is conceded to be a classic in blackface delineation and a character study worth while. Several song numbers are interspersed throughout the offering, as well as eccentric dancing including the famous old time "Mobbie sand buck".

Described as "The Novelty Girl", Azalea Fontaine, is to offer an act that is not only original but uniquely novel as well. Singing, dancing and aerial contortion are features of her artistic, sensational and daring offering.

Completing the vaudeville program is a terpsichorean novelty to be presented by Norris & Whelan. A quantity of dancing imitations and clever soft shoe dancing wins for them public favoritism.

KRUG PARK BUSY PLACE

Krug park is a busy place these times. With the extreme hot weather, this popular resort has come into

its own. It is located out on the hill, where the air is good and where there is full relief from the heat. Even in the big dancing pavilion which is always full of people, the heat is so modified that dancers enjoy their amusement to the fullest extent.

The big bathing pool is full all the time. This pool has been so constructed that the water is kept fresh and clean at all times. All around the base of the pool are intakes, whence is drawn a continuous supply of fresh water and the sewers carry off the tepid liquid as fast as it accumulates. Swings and reclining seats are provided all over the park. Picnic parties have become very popular and immense picnics are held there daily.

Krug park has become one of Omaha's chief out door amusement places and the management has left nothing undone to make it comfortable for the great flock of visitors.

Special features are added from time to time that make it a desirable resort for all classes. Sunday schools all over the city have been taking advantages of Krug park this year and many more scheduled to picnic there during the next two months.

HIGH PRICED WHISKY

CAUSED BANK FAILURE

William Barge of Belvidere, Nebr., paid such huge prices for his corn whisky that in took all of his own money and a lot that belonged to the Bank of Belvidere, of which Barge was cashier, according to Barge's brother, who tried in vain to keep Barge in the straight and narrow path. The bank finally was closed and Barge is a fugitive from justice, while several hundred depositors wonder whether they will ever get any of their money. Bad paper amounting to \$20,000 was found by a bank examiner. Another brother of the defaulter recently began serving a penitentiary sentence for wrecking a bank at Hoskins.

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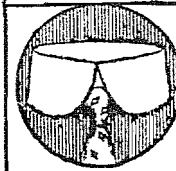
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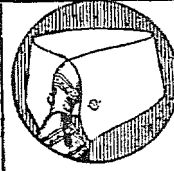
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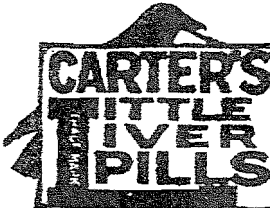
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