

### THEATERS REJECT BOARD'S OFFICES

State Arbitrators to Subpoena Managers.

### COURT ACTION EXPECTED

Strikers Make Statement of Their Contentions.

In spite of protests of theater managers voiced by D. I. Johnston as counsel, the state board of arbitration today opened an investigation of the trouble between the theaters of this city and employees. Johnston announced that the theater managers refused to arbitrate as long as the White Rats, members of an actors' union, were involved; objected to an arbitrary investigation, and declared that the theater managers would refuse to be bound by the findings of the board.

The Quadruple alliance, composed of stagehands, movie operators, musicians and White Rats, declared through counsel its willingness to arbitrate and its willingness to testify before the board concerning any phase of the strike. Counsel for the strikers declared that a theatrical strike existed in the city and that because the public was suffering inconvenience from the strike the state board was in duty bound to investigate.

No Managers Attend. No theater managers were present at the hearing in the council room of the city hall. Representatives of all the strikers' unions were there and local and state labor leaders were present.

Action was what the employees wanted. No action or delay was sought by the employers as indicated by statements of their attorney. The latter expressed the attitude of his clients in saying that action of the state board was not needed, not wanted and would not be heeded.

After an hour and a half of wrangling over the statute which Commissioner Ashton claimed gave the board injunctive powers the chairman announced that he would issue subpoenas for the theater managers.

Arguments Put Forth. Chairman Ashton and counsel for the employees declared in the three cornered arguments that a managers' association existed here and had power to act during the absence of an individual or two. Johnston declared he was not sure such an organization existed and he could not talk further without consulting all managers individually.

Ashton announced that if the theater managers refused to accept service or obey summonses to appear before the board and bring such documents as were called for he would take the matter to the supreme court. Johnston indicated that the employers would fight the subpoenas.

Question of White Rats. Johnston declared that the objection to inclusion of the White Rats into the controversy was because they formed an alien organization which had attempted to interfere in local matters. Counsel for the employees stated that the real fight of the employees was to "break" certain booking agencies. He declared if contracts existed between the local theater men and these agencies the strikers would agree to guarantee

### WISE GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERT IN ENGLAND REVEALS KNOWLEDGE

THAT London geographical expert who some time ago informed all England after a tornado had occurred in Oklahoma that "Oklahoma is a part of Texas" was wise in his age and generation compared to the mailing force of the London Observer, one of Great Britain's largest newspapers.

This morning a wrapped sample copy of the Observer was received at the local postoffice, addressed "The editor, The New Mexican, Santa Fe, Oklahoma, U. S."

The paper will be sent to its proper destination at Santa Fe, New Mexico—which by the way is not in Oklahoma.

that the managers would suffer no loss. Johnston declared that such a guarantee was worthless and that if the White Rats wanted to fight the booking agents located, he said, in Chicago, then they should do their fighting there and not in Oklahoma City.

A statement was made then outlining the stand of the quadruple alliance. Further statements will be made, it was announced.

A court battle over the legality of subpoenas issued by the state board is expected within a few days.

### CHIEF SUED BY WOMAN WHOSE BEER HE SEIZED

Bum Bartender, Is Nichols' Remark, When Told of Action.

Chief of Police Nichols was notified this morning that Mrs. Anna May Soper had sued him for \$147 as the result of the seizure of a barrel of beer consigned to her. Recently O. L. Price, justice of peace, ordered Nichols to keep the beer and deal it out to Mrs. Soper at the rate of two bottles a day, as she swore that she needed it for personal use.

The beer was seized by the police on the alleged ground that her husband, Frank Soper, was a bootlegger. The suit asks recovery of \$13.75, the price of the beer, \$20 as punitive damages and other items making up a total of \$147.

"I guess I'm a bum bartender or something," Nichols commented when notice of the suit was given him. "They haven't been after the two bottles a day."

Unpaid telephone bills for the month of September are past due. If not paid by 5 p. m. of the 15th service will be discontinued. Pioneer Tel. & Tel. Co.—Adv.

### Vital Statistics

**Births.** Mr. and Mrs. Cleo V. Strongs, Wednesday, Sept. 12, a daughter, Emma Rosa.

**Marriage Licenses.** John E. Byrd, 32 years old, and Fannie Henderson, 32 years old, both of Stratford.

Carl B. Brough, 21 years old, and Bess Hendricks, 19 years old, both of Oklahoma City.

John S. Crane, 27 years old, Tonka, Kan., and Kathleen C. Harrison, 21 years old, Arkansas City, Kan. Clifford W. Greaser, 24 years old, and William Callaway Walker, 25 years old, both of Oklahoma City.

### OFTEN ESCAPING, THIS TIME HE ENTERS JAIL

Frank Sibenaler, With Lawyer, Takes Court's Sentence Dizzily.

Frank Sibenaler has been convicted many times on bootlegging charges. Once, at least, he was sentenced to the penitentiary for violations of the prohibitory law. Time after time he beat the law's final decree by appeals and delays, and stayed outside the jail to begin serving a sentence for drunkenness.

All cunning devices of lawyers and politicians have kept Sibenaler from behind the bars except for brief periods in which there was delay in making appeal bonds. It has been his custom to stand before the judge saying little in defense and, on conviction and sentence, announcing the appeal bond.

This morning he stood dizzily before the court alone. On a charge of drunkenness Judge Spitzer fined him \$50 and sentenced him to jail for ten days. At the close of the session he followed a Mexican in the shabby line of prisoners to the entrance of the jail. In company with half a dozen bedraggled human ruins who had been purchasers of wildcat booze he stumbled down the iron stairs to the cell-house.

### Tablet News for Busy Folk

Judge Doyle Returns—Judge Thomas H. Doyle, presiding judge of the criminal court of appeals, returned this morning from Kansas where he spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Gault Attending Fair—President Frank M. Gault of the state board of agriculture is in Hobart today attending the Kiowa county fair.

Commission Holds Hearing—Testimony on the complaint of the Excelsior Laundry company against the Vinita Gas company, alleging that it advanced the price of gas without permission of the commission, was taken this morning before Chairman Jack Love.

Hammonds to Idabel—State Fire Marshal Hammonds will leave this afternoon for Idabel on official business.

Non-Support Alleged—Monnie B. McCullum filed suit in the district court today against William I. McCullum for divorce, abandonment and neglect of duty are the grounds alleged. According to the petition the husband earns \$150 a month, but during the past five years has contributed not more than \$15 toward her support and that of their three children. The plaintiff says she works as seamstress for the Oklahoma Railway company for \$12 a week. She asks for divorce, \$10 a week alimony and custody of the three children.

Eleks to Initiate—The local order of Elks will hold a special meeting tomorrow night for the purpose of selecting a class of twenty candidates for membership.

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