City of Butte MONTANA

October 16, 1918.

Honorable George L. Baker, Mayor,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 8th inst., I can assure you I very thoroughly appreciate your putting us in touch with Mr. Frank Branch Riley, and I think that undoubtedly it would have a very beneficial result if the citizens of Butte were to have the privilege of hearing Mr. Riley's lecture.

Unfortunately, however, this city is now under very strict quarantine because of the influenza epidemic, with the result that all schools, churches, theatres and other places of public meeting are closed until further orders by the public health board. Whilst the board is doing everything possible to combat this epidemic in Butte I can hold out no hope that any public meetings will be allowed during the present month, and am afraid, therefore, that it would be impossible for us to stage this lecture.

Yours very truly,

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PRESIDENT SHIRLEY S. FORD 2ND VICE PRESI

TREASURER W. A. BROWN

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October 17, 1918 J. W. GOODMAN TRAFFIC MANAGER

GEO. L. BAKER MAYOR

> Mr. George L. Baker, Mayor, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of October 9th, addressed to the Mayor of Great Falls, has been referred to this office for answer. We note with pleasure that Mr. Frank Riley, the noted lecturer, will arrive in Great Falls at 2:20 P.M. November 5th.

While nothing would please us more than to be able to give Mr. Riley a speaking engagement in Great Falls and while the writer is sure that he would bring a message to our business men that would prove very interesting, it is with much regret that we inform you that a ban has been placed on all public gatherings in the city of Great Falls. While the situation is not considered serious, we have a number of cases of Spanish influenza and the public health authorities have taken this course as a precaution to keep our health conditions under control. It is very probable that the ban will be lifted at that time. If so, I will present this matter to the Executive Committee of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross and ascertain whether or not they would be in a position to arrange for the appearance of Mr. Riley.

I might add that the Commercial Club would be very glad to secure a speaker of this character, but we had previously arranged to hold a large luncheon on Monday, November 4th, at which Dr. Sisson, President of the State University at Missoula, was to be the principal speaker. In the event the public health condition permits, Mr. Sisson will appear on that date. You can readily see it would be rather too much to hold another large luncheon the following day. However, we will keep this matter in mind and notify you as promptly as possible. We hope that you realize the conditions and that we are not in a position to give you definite information at this particular time.

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Thanking you for calling this to our atten-

Yours very truly,

ecretary.

Mayor's Office SAINT PAUL, MINN.

L. C. HODGSON, MAYOR G. B. WOLLAN, SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR CATHERINE AYNSLEY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 22, 1918

Mr. Geo. L. Baker, Mayor,

Portland, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I have been delayed in answering your recent letter because of the influenza epidemic, and the tragic fires in the northern part of the state which have imposed unusual duties upon all the public officials.

I shall certainly be glad to meet Mr. Riley when he comes to St. Paul, and will do everything I can to assist him in securing opportunities to speak before our people.

However, at the present time public meetings are practically all abandoned because of the health situation in this state, but doubtless, by the time he reaches here the situation will be much better.

With fraternal greetings,



Respectfully yours,

. M. BRECHBILL, Councilman Supt. Streets, Public Improvements and Parks H. T. WILKINSON, Mayor Supt. Accounts, Finance and Public Property W. . MOORE, Councilman Supt. Public Safety and Health

H. Y. GEPHART, City Treasurer RUTH E. KELLOGG, City Clerk J. L. CAMPBELL, City Attorney E. S. HATHAWAY, City Engineer DR. J. P. RITCHEY, Secy. Board of Health J. T. CRANNEY, Chief of Fire Department JOHN BONNER, Police Magistrate

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THE CITY OF MISSOULA

STATE OF MONTANA COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

October 15.1918.

Hon. Geo. L. Baker, Mayor.

Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th. inst. with enclosure regarding the tour of Mr. Frank Branch Riley.

I have referred this to the Missoula Chapter of the Red Cross, and I trust that you will hear from them in a few days.

We are in the throes of the Spanish Influenza, which is particularly bad at the Berracks at ## Fort Missoula and no meetings of any kind are allowed and all churches and schools closed, I hope however that this condition will, not contonue for any length of time.

> Very truly yours H. J. Wieninson

> > Mayor.

