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ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.**

PERSONAL

March 31, 1927

**Rt-Rev Bishop A. McGovern
Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

My dear Bishop:—

I thank you for your letter of March 30th. I was aware that at the time of the strike, contrary to my own advice, privately given and carefully reasoned out, Father Schellinger allowed himself, by the tremendous pressure brought by many of his hot-headed parishioners, some of them women, to attend several meetings and make some speeches.

These speeches, as reported to me, were not radical, and cautioned law, order and good citizenship; but nevertheless, the appearance and effect indicated that the pastor was not attending solely to religious matters, but was reflecting his personality with the side that lost the strike.

I have no criticism to make except to state facts, that Schellinger was the object of great pressure, purposely exercised by those who cared nothing for the father or the Roman Catholic Church, but used him for the influence that his name and his apparent attitude might exert over a lot of women of whom it may be said, in the words of Kipling,

“The female of the species is more deadly than the male.”

Now, I am getting to the point that I wish to make. The pressure brought on Schellinger was probably as great as the pressure brought against a

good many men who, I succeeded, as time went on, in getting the railroad to reinstate, notwithstanding they were strikers. They are working and their attitude has been forgotten. After a year or so, the railroad lifted the ban against all the strikers, refusing, of course, to take back such men as they would, under no circumstances re-employ, because of their inefficiency.

It seems to me that Father Schellinger should, in all charity, be placed in the category of those whose conduct the railroad has forgiven and forgotten.

I shall say nothing to Schellinger about your letter, which shall be treated by me confidentially, but I shall go to the ticket office on my own account, and buy him a ticket from Green River to Sidney and return, and hand it to him without further explanation.

Yours faithfully,

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April 4th, 1927

PERSONAL

Right Reverend Patrick A. McGovern
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Dear Sir,

I exceedingly regret that my letter of March 31st was so awkwardly worded that it should have caused you embarrassment, a thing that I was trying my best to prevent.

After receiving your letter, I understood fully your situation, and the intention of my letter was to advise you of that fact.

What I tried to impart was this, that had I known that the situation which arose during the strike had not been forgotten I would not have embarrassed you with a request which I now see you could not make, nor would I have gone afield in putting myself in the awkward position in requesting a letter from you concerning transportation, which, the railroad would not want me, in my official position, to request.

My next thought was to get out of it along the line of the least resistance, and I thought I might do this by simply donating to Schellinger a ticket as a personal compliment from me on Easter Day, as heretofore I have donated him a token of my regards on Christmas day, and that I would do this without saying anything as to our correspondence, or as to the aftermath of the shopmen's strike.

What I wanted to do was to wipe out entirely the subject matter of our letters, so that nothing would ever be said or referred to concerning the same.

I sincerely hope that this letter will not create more embarrassment, and can assure you that my last letter was for no such purpose.

Faithfully yours,

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