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tral railroud Hines were discuised in an informal manner last night at the Stewird opera house when a strik, 400 men and women heard Joe P. Ryan of Kansas City propound atrike isyues
from the viewpoint of an internation Irom the viewpoint of an internation
official of the Boiler Makers unlon. The principal address was preface by prayer by Rev, Upton H, Glibs and
throukhout the entire meeting thers Was a prevalling spirit of dignity nnu
reverence for the many ladea audience. At no time did Mr. Ryan become invective and the audience was well pleased with his gentlemanly at-
titude at all times. titude at all times.

Lecture Laels Interest.
Only a few phases of general fiter-
est to the unblased public were dlsest to
cuised. Ignoring completely that momentuous epoch in labor annals-the McNamara confesslons-and falliug to touch upon conditions as they are seen
from the angle of the strikers in from the angle of the strikers in Ose-
gon and other weitern clties, Mr. Ryan falled to elueidate on what most of the audience wanted to hear recited. He commenced with, dwelt on and left! Wha his hearers the theory that the at o was primarily called becusse
the men were oppressed by the men were oppressed by lack of
woiking hours and adequate pay. Ho woiking hourg and adequate pay.
left the impression that the federatlon ${ }_{\text {tssues }}$ were secoildary-though conceded to be primary-in the fundarsen-
tal causes of the walkout. He ple'urtal causes of the walkout. He ple'ur-
ed how the men, in the middlevest a week and elght hours a day duriug the spring and summer, drawing sail-
aries that were mere this was a condition, "the men in shops were thinking, thinking.
Shopmen Mado "Goats" Shopmen Mado "Goats"
the time that the shopmen Worked on short hours, fap shift and no overtime. the Harriman line was
double tracking tts lines to the coast double tracking fts lines to the coast:
to handle the 1915 expoittion crowds; to handle the 1215 expooition crowds;
was bullaing an enormous offlce buliding in Omatia and to owell its itprovedines but got most of tss caish for this work by making "goath" out of the shopmen and cutting thetr wages to the very quick, "The retrenchrent Jullus Kruttschnitt taiked so much about did not get beyond the shaym "I order to improve thelr propertles, ccmpanies reduced the shopmet's pay, and that is
the men struck."

No "Daty" Phase Exists. In thls connection he took excyptio the statements often made that
many of the unlon men who walked out did so trom a sense of duty to their untons and not because they were ac tually dissatisfled with conditions as hey were. He branded as a lie an this theory expressed

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ing in person the alleged fact that $t$ Mig dalles-ho graclousty ex-
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trikers' story to the puhll throurth strikers' story to the pu
the public meeting metho "Ninety-seven per cent walked oal as days ago," he sald, "and of this wanted to strike. They bad been thinkling of thelr conditions and when the time came to vote they voted to
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by the radicals as has been sald."

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