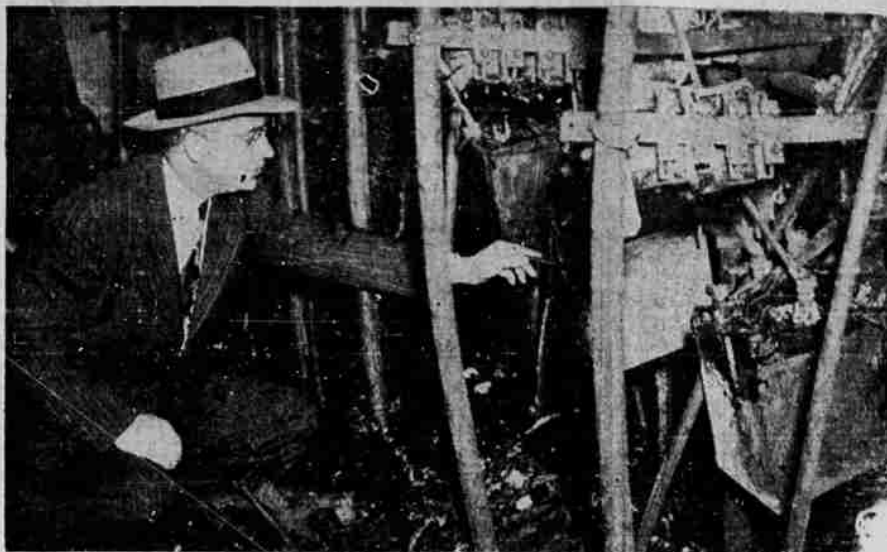


Rail Strike Threat Story of Feud In Brotherhood Ranks

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WASHINGTON—NEA—Rail strike or no rail strike, behind the threatened tie-up of American transportation was a little-known drama of inter-union warfare and

jealous rivalry among the so-called "brotherhoods" of railroad men.
Leading characters in this drama were the heads of the five operating brotherhoods of men that run the trains: Alexander F. Whitney, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; H. W. Fraser, Order of Railway Conductors; D. B. Robertson, Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers; Alvinley Johnston, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Arthur J. Glover, Switchmen's Union.
For a long time, the Firemen

Lightning Struck Once



A resident of Dyersburg, Tenn., points out the spot where lightning struck, causing a fire and completely destroying the city's million-dollar power station.

have wanted to absorb the Engineers and the Trainmen have wanted to absorb the Switchmen. They have had many jurisdictional fights and membership raids.

In 1946, the brotherhoods got their first-round postwar wage increase. A fact-finding board had recommended an increase of 16 cents an hour. This was acceptable to the 16 non-operating ("non-ops") brotherhoods—the clerks, telegraphers, machinists and so on. Three of the "ops" were also agreeable. They were the Conductors, the Firemen and the Switchmen. But two others held out.

They were Whitney's Trainmen and Johnston's Engineers. They caused the two-day strike of 1946. They went over the heads of the fact-finding board and ap-

pealed to the White House. The other 18 unions didn't want a strike. Their leaders blasted Messrs. Whitney and Johnston loud and long.

President Truman talked tough. He seized the railroads and asked Congress to draft strikers. But instead of backing up the fact-finding board, Truman gave in to the strike leaders and offered them 18 cents an hour increase instead of 16. They accepted it while Truman was speaking to Congress.

Now this 2½ cents is important. It helped establish the belief that, if strike leaders go to the White House, they can get more. This extra 2½ cents that Truman gave them in 1946 made Whitney and Johnston heroes among the brotherhoods.

In 1947, the 16 non-ops asked for their second round raise. Last July they agreed to arbitrate. In September they were awarded 15½ cents an hour wage increase. They took it.

The five ops at first didn't ask for a raise. Instead they asked for changes in some 40 rules. Heads of the ops persuaded their members they had more to gain from rule changes. When the non-ops got their 15½ cents, however, the ops heads were forced by their brotherhoods to ask for a second round raise. So, on Oct. 1, they demanded 30 per cent more, with a \$3 a day minimum raise.

Threat Pattern Followed
In November, Whitney for the Trainmen and Fraser for the Conductors accepted this offer. The three others—Robertson for the Firemen, Johnston for the Engineers and Glover for the Switchmen—decided to threaten a strike. In this they were exactly following the Whitney-Johnston pattern of 1946.

President Truman appointed a board to investigate, last January. The board reported in March. It said, in effect, that it could not upset established wage differentials in the railroad industry by giving one craft more than another, particularly since firemen were rivals of the engineers, and trainmen of switchmen. It awarded the same 15½ cents, retroactive to last Nov. 1.

The three holdouts refused to accept this finding. One of the reasons they gave was that this

was now 1948 and that they should have something more, in the nature of a third-round increase. The board said no to that, on the ground that this was only a remnant of the second round that it was deciding upon. So the three holdouts issued their call for a strike on May 11.

New Techniques In Dentistry Told

The newest techniques and interpretation of dental X-ray and pathology were demonstrated by Dr. Henry C. Fixott, Jr., of the University of Oregon Medical School, to the Umpqua Valley Dental Association at the Veterans Hospital last week.

These classes are conducted by specialists sent out by the State Dental Association and are held in connection with the regular monthly meeting of all the dentists of Roseburg and nearby areas.

A dinner meeting was held at the Turn-Around-Inn, after which the group assembled in the staff room at the Veterans Hospital, where Dr. Fixott lectured and showed slides in dental X-ray. Following the lecture, the class went to the dental clinic rooms, where a demonstration was given in special techniques and position of X-ray in the cuspid and third molar regions. A question hour and round table discussion closed the meeting.

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Dr. Haskins Tells Need of Mental Hygiene Clinics

Setting up of mental hygiene clinics will contribute much toward the cure of mental illnesses. Mental hygiene is being developed so that persons with emotional difficulties may receive treatment, but education on the part of the public is required, said Dr. John L. Haskins, manager of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital.

Speaking before the Roseburg Rotary Club Thursday noon, Dr. Haskins told of the public's attitude toward mentally diseased persons from earliest times. He said persons will tell of relatives who are in the hospital with broken legs as the result of drunken driving, but are ashamed to mention mentally sick relatives who are in mental institutions.

The Veterans Administration, he said, realizing that it could have "salvaged" many veterans with mental ailments, following the first World War has set up clinics for such veterans on an out patient basis. Such clinics contribute toward prevention of mental disease.

Mental hospitals, he said, have been the "poor relation" among hospitals, although they represent 51 per cent of the hospital beds in the United States today. Only during the present century has public interest been aroused toward bettering the condition of patients in such hospitals.

Dementia praecox represents 70 to 75 per cent of all mental cases. With public interest increased, the discharge rate of such patients has been increased from 39 to 65 of every 100 cases in the last 10 years, he said. In 1946 there were 438,000 patients in mental hospitals. Such hospitals were 60,000 beds short of actual needs.

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Give Wives Regular Pay Days, Woman Advises

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"A woman finds it easier to forgive her husband an act of unfaithfulness than a lifetime of meanness," the parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of Food told a meeting of the Married Women's Association.

"Nothing humiliates a woman more than having to beg or coax a man to give her money for the

essentials of life."
Dr. Summerskill, wife of a doctor and mother of two children, offered a remedy—a regular share in the pay check for the housewife.
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