

Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employes, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railroads be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved; or
2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government board.

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the employes as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employes, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

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Chicken farms are a fascinating subject to most newly wedded couples. It is therefore easy to sympathize with the innocent housemaid, "Jane," newly married to the butler, in the Chas. Frohman comedy of the same name, when she accepts \$500 from the master of the house on a rather daring proposition to pose as his wife, he having got himself into a mess by telling his uncle he is married. Jane's deportment in the assumed role, the growing fear of the poor little butler-husband lest she become too enthusiastic in her task has made "Jane" one of the comedy classics of the English stage. The play will be presented at the Strand Theater next Monday night.

The usual belief that it is impossible to take pictures at night was dispelled in the Paramount production, "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo," which will be seen at the Strand Theater on Wednesday, July 12, with Theodore Roberts. The famous scenes of the "hold-up" at the Mountain Road were taken in the dead of night, the only light used being that from the headlights of the automobiles. In the cast supporting Mr. Roberts are such artists as Carlyle Blackwell, Dorothy Davenport and James Neill.

"The Upstart," a satirical comedy-drama starring the popular "Pretty Peggy" Snow, is a picturization from the play of the same name, which had a successful run at the Maxine Elliott Theater in New York City, and will be shown here at the Strand Theater on Sunday, July 9. An exceptionally strong supporting cast will be seen, which includes James Lackayo, Frederick Sumner and Frederick Sittenham.

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The navy department has recently called upon Representative Hawley to submit nominations of a principal and three alternates from whom to select a midshipman for admission to the United States naval academy, requesting him to submit his nomination before July 13. Ronald C. Glover, secretary to Congressman Hawley, has made arrangements for the holding of a competitive examination at Salem, to which all ambitious young men who are actual residents of the first congressional district, between the ages of 16 and 26 years on July 27, 1916, are invited.

FOREST NOTES

Application has been received by the government from mountaineers in the southern Appalachians, to buy all of the black birch bark in one of the national forests of that region. The bark is used to make sweet-birch oil, a substitute for wintergreen oil.

The market value of "silk" socks manufactured from sawdust in the United States during 1915 was equal to the total appropriation for administering the national forests.

Oregon consumes 217 cubic feet of wood per capita annually, compared with 100 cubic feet per capita for the whole United States. This high per capita in Oregon is due to the fact that 82 per cent of the consumption is for fuel purposes.

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