

What the Shopmen's Strike is All About

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extent, if hundreds of thousands of experienced men who have given to the transportation industry...

We understand the language "All employees now on strike" to include all employees who hold seniority rights...

It should be understood that it is not favorable upon these proposals for settlement of the pending controversies...

We see evidence of little sacrifice required on the part of the management to whom the proposals have been submitted...

We understand that an effort will be made to reverse the setting up of a Board of Adjustment...

We should certainly assume that he said, "but you are welcome any-

validity of all decisions of the Railroad Labor Board, and to faithfully carry out every decision as contained in the law.

With the understanding that this board intended to proceed any party to a controversy from proceeding by legal action to question the validity of any order of the Board...

"(2) That we accept the second proposal of the President, reading as follows: "Second, The carriers will withdraw all lawsuits growing out of the strike, and the Railroad Labor Board decisions which have been involved in the strike may be taken, in the exercise of recognized rights by either party to the Railroad Labor Board for re-opening."

"(3) That it is impossible to agree to the first outcome of the third proposal of the President the whole of which reads as follows:

"Third, all employees now on strike to be returned to work and to their former positions with seniority and other rights unimpaired. The representatives of the carriers and the representatives of the organizations generally agree that there will be no discrimination by either party against any employees who did or did not strike."

The Railroad Executives and Managers agree entirely with the President's statement in his letter that it is wholly unthinkable that the railroad labor board can be made a useful agency of the government in maintaining industrial peace in the railway service, unless employers and workers are both prompt and unquestioning in their acceptance of its decisions.

I think it is more desirable than I know how to express to have established the unchallenged authority of the Railroad Labor Board, because what most of us things which are necessary to bring about the recognition of suitable authority to decide and end such disputes as menace the continuity of transportation.

"By this language the President has expressed with great force and clearness the policy which we advocate. But the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board were flouted and defied by the six organizations comprising the federated shop crafts; the strike was called to take effect July 1, 1922, and even the summons of the Board to appear with the railroad executives before the Labor Board, after the strike was called and before it took effect, was contemptuously ignored by the leaders of the strikers who refused to attend the hearing. Thereupon it became the plain duty of the Railroad Board actively and vigorously to undertake to uphold the orderly processes for the adjustment of industrial disputes contemplated by the statute creating the Labor Board, and represented by the decisions of that Board against which the strike in question was directed."

ENOUGH FOR A STORY CONTINUE TO THE

in their strike in so doing, it must be understood that the men who enter it were within their rights in exercising such a right, that they are not strike breakers seeking to impose the arbitrary will of an employer on employees; that they have the moral as well as the legal right to engage in any action of the American people to avoid interruption of independent railway transportation, and that they are entitled to the protection of every department and bureau of the government, state and national.

"It must be understood that any proposal that employees now on strike shall be permitted to return to the service, without impairment of their seniority, is merely another way of suggesting that those men who took employment in the strike in good faith, saying on the promises of the railroads to protect them in their positions, these promises being part of the authoritative attitude of the Labor Board, and that have made possible the continued operation of the railroads, shall now be sacrificed in favor of men now on strike, who not their own action and declaration are now being employed by the railroads under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Labor Board, or subject to the application of the transportation act.

"In addition to the necessity of upholding the Labor Board, and maintaining the pledges by the railroads to the men now at work, there is the practical effect of the supervisory officers of a violation of the promises they were authorized to make their discouragement and demoralization would be far more disastrous than this or any other strike. Much harm has already been done by repeated publications of rumors in recent days that the loyal men and the new men are to be sacrificed by the strikers. This has discouraged men from accepting employment in a great number as would come forward if certain that the pledges given would be fulfilled. Such published rumors only delay the collapse of the strike.

"In view of the above, it is submitted that the striking carrier employees cannot be given preference to employees at present in the service, without doing violence to every principle of right and justice involved in this matter and without the grossest breach of faith on the part of the railroads to the men at present in their service. Under these circumstances, it becomes apparent that the railroads cannot consider any settlement of the present strike which does not provide protection in their present employment, both to the loyal employees who remained in the service and to the new employees entering it."

I am sending you by mail a copy of the resolutions and a letter setting in detail the reasons represented at the meeting.

THOMAS DEWITT CUYLER, Chairman, Association of Railway Executives.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted by the Railway Employers' Department, American Federation of Labor.

JOHN SCOTT, Secretary-Treasurer B. M. JEWELL, President.

STRIKES SUBAN

Spokane, Washington, Rev. Starmer of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, officiated at the ceremony. On the immediate relatives of the brides and grooms were present. The house was prettily decorated with asters and dahlias.

The two young ladies are well known here, both being graduates of the local high school and having taught in the rural schools of this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg left Friday for Starkey, where they will make their home, and Mr. and Mrs. German will leave tonight for their home on a farm near Spokane. The wedding of the young people came as a surprise to their many friends, who join in wishing them many years of happiness.

Among the charming affairs of the week was a dinner at the home of Mrs. A. T. Hill Wednesday noon. The meeting was for the executive officers of the Presbyterian societies of La Grande and neighboring towns. A lovely dinner of bouillabaisse, combination and rice croquettes, creamed chicken and peas on patties, hot rolls, apricot sauce, ice cream, cake and coffee, was served during the noon hour. Those assisting for the luncheon were Mrs. C. M. Humphreys, Mrs. Robert Sakin, Mrs. E. P. Mussman, Mrs. H. J. A. T. Hill and Mrs. Mrs. Alvah S. Duryea. Those serving were the Gwaley sisters, Kirby sisters, Geraldyn Luchmann and Verdena Smith. There were five guests from Baker, one from Elgin, one from Wall, Iowa and five from Union. The large parlors of the Hill home were decorated with many beautiful fall flowers and afforded a very artistic background for the entertainment.

Mrs. H. G. Avery and Mrs. F. S. Lyon charmingly acted as hostesses in an announcement party of the marriage of Miss Mable Oesterling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oesterling of this city, at the home of Mrs. F. S. Lyon in M avenue Friday evening. The marriage was announced in a very unique way. Little numbered envelopes were given each guest containing word and they lined up according to number and the surprise announcement began as the announcement was given of the marriage of Miss Mable Oesterling and J. Francis Oyster May 30th, at Wall, Walla, Washington. There were forty tables of 500 with Miss Edith Beaz receiving big honors. At a late hour a delicious luncheon of dainty chicken sandwiches, tomato, in aspic, coffee and cake was served. Mrs. Oyster is a popular La Grande girl having been very active in different social circles.

Charles Albert Fisher of La Grande and Miss Hortense Geertsen of Union were married yesterday afternoon, 7 o'clock in the Savoy hotel party given by Rev. R. S. Hughes of Union. The bride was attended by Miss Cordelia Lybrand of Union and Hal Murray of La Grande.

The marriage came as a surprise to their many friends and they united in wishing the happy couple a long and prosperous life. The bride attended high school in Union, and the groom formerly lived in La Grande, lately moving to La Grande.



A frequent sight in La Grande is a blind man, keeping him from falling into the gutter, being led by a dog.



Gladys Robinson, of Toronto, Canada, is the international speed skating champion. In the summer she rides a bike to keep in trim for the winter sport.

According to Jorja Ros, in the Diario De La Marina, the only thing Cuban in Cuba is the state, and he claims statistical backing for the following statements: railways and stevedore systems are under Anglo-American control public lighting, American; city property, 80 per cent owned or pledged to foreign interests as security for loans; rural property, 68 per cent American; sugar interests, 56 per cent American controlled and 4 per cent other foreign control; tobacco, 70 per cent Anglo-American; mining, Anglo-American; banking, 75 per cent foreign, shipping, foreign. With Spaniards doing almost 100 per cent of the retail business of the island and foreign interests dominating importing and wholesaling operations, Cubans have been forced into minor positions in every line except law, medicine and official, posts to which Cuban citizens alone are eligible.

PREMIER SEES DEVELOPMENTS

MELBOURNE, July 17, (By Mail) Under the capitalist system Australia is supporting twice as many people as it did 100 years ago, according to Prime Minister Hughes who in a recent survey of the condition of the Commonwealth, prophesied that 100 years from today Australia's inhabitants will have grown to 100,000,000. "Australia is the greatest food producing country in the world," said Mr. Hughes, "and its agricultural possibilities in certain fields are barely worked." As an instance Mr. Hughes mentioned that Australia was suited for growing a very fine cotton with a superior staple to that of American cotton, and he pointed out that Australia had available an area for the culture of this crop in excess of the area devoted to it in America.

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