

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 employees, 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 employees for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conference 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 railroads, 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 employees 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 employees 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 employees, 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 employees, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employees, 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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LOCAL NEWS

Shaler Eldridge is at Newport.

New invoice of sport shirts at Kreamers.

Mrs. Whitney and son went to Newport this week.

Mrs. Strong of Albany is visiting her mother, Mrs. Julia Schaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge of Salem attended the joint installation last night.

James Hanna, C. W. Irvine and D. C. Fletcher autoed to Roseburg last week.

Dr. Callaway's mother has returned to her home in Idaho.

J. A. Deany returned today from a trip to Lincoln county.

Hot weather calls for one of those straw hats at Kreamer's.

Miss Sally of Portland is visiting her aunt, Mrs. O. F. Cooper.

Miss Mary McKennon of Portland is a guest of Mrs. W. R. Allin.

Nemo and Gossard (front facing) corsets at Elliott-O'Brien's. \$2.00 up to \$5.00.

Copeland Ryder shoes give satisfaction. Try them. You find them at Kreamer's.

Miss Francis Cooper, teacher in the Portland schools, is home for the summer vacation.

The three daughters of Prof. and Mrs. Newbill of Pullman, Wash., are guests at the E. E. Paddock home.

The seventh grade of the Independence schools, one of Mrs. Conkey's classes, won first honors in the Polk county spelling contest.

C. B. Smith, C. A. McLaughlin, G. G. Walker and Dr. H. C. Dunsmore represented the local Masonic lodge at the funeral of R. H. Knox in Springfield Sunday.

Dr. R. E. Duganne, dentist, National Bank Building.

For painting and paper-hanging, call Main 6912. H. Sauer.

FOR SALE

New piano, worth \$350. Will sell for \$200 for quick sale. Ask at Monitor office.

For Sale

At a bargain, second hand binder, mower and rake in fair condition. Inquire of Sloper Bros. & Co. 49

Warm weather is here and everyone has been anxious to see it. So it is only a few days now until you can go bathing. Then you will find a large supply of bathing suits, caps, and shoes awaiting you at very reasonable low prices. Caps and shoes, 25c and 50c. Suits 25c to \$3.00. Conkey & Walker.

Dr. J. G. Turner, formerly of Lowe & Turner, the well known eye specialists, of Portland, will make regular visits to Independence every 30 days in the future. Dr. Lowe left for the east yesterday to be gone several months and Dr. Turner will attend to any of Dr. Lowe's patients who may call during his absence. Watch the Monitor for dates later.

Remembrance. "Every time you see a pretty girl you forget that you are married," his better half complained bitterly. "On the other hand, my dear," he replied sadly, "nothing brings home to me the fact with so much force."

Meamouth Herald: Olen Whitaker of Independence has accepted a position in Clark's grocery.

ENACTING A PICTURE PLAY

"What a delightful life you must live," she said, "enjoying up these picture plays. How in the world do you make people out of nothing? And having created them, how do you make them do things that are interesting?"

"It's all built up, just as you would construct a house. First you must get your motif; that's the basement. Next, you find certain complications; that's the framework. Finally you make your characters do it all in accordance with your scheme; that's putting in the body of your house. Then, when it's all laid out, you put on the finishing touches; that's decorating."

"But where does the romance come in?"

"I can't tell you, but I can show you. Let us enact a picture play. We'll make it very simple, only two characters—the man and the girl. Rosalind, the girl, leaves her home with a letter. She meets the fellow, Jenkins. He sees the letter and the address and surmises that she is going to the office to post an acceptance to a rival. He leaves her very sad. The next day he goes to a foreign country and doesn't return for two years. He meets Rosalind, and she tells him that the letter she posted was a rejection of his rival instead of an acceptance."

"What a stupid man!"

"If plays didn't make lovers do stupid things they wouldn't be true to life. Furthermore, there wouldn't be any plays. Let us play this one."

"But I don't see how we can enact that. There isn't anything for us to do."

"It's a two reel play. Suppose we leave out the first reel and enact the second."

"There's not much in either of them."

"There's a lot in the last half. You go down there by the stream and sit on one of those rocks. That will make a pretty picture. You see, we must look out for the artistic features. You will be thinking of Jenkins."

"Can't you find a better name for him?"

"Oh, his name doesn't matter. Besides, you have said he's very stupid."

"She did not say he was stupid. While she was sitting pensively on the rock he passed on the path above, saw her and hurried down to her. On reaching her he discovered, bowed and moved his lips as if talking to her with a distant manner."

"What does that mean?" she asked.

"I'm telling you what might be expected as finding you after a long absence. There's no use saying it for photographs can make no sound."

"Oh, I forgot that."

"You ask me why I went away so suddenly. I reply that I saw the letter

Mr. Bowser's Brother-in-Law

By M. QUAD

As Mrs. Bowser was going to spend the day out of town, Mr. Bowser quietly decided to come home at noon and tackle the housecleaning, which was scheduled to begin the next morning, and finish it all up himself before Mrs. Bowser got home that evening. So at noon he was home, and after eating the lunch the cook prepared he got into an old suit of clothes and was spitting on his hands and looking around to see what he should tackle first, when there was a ring at the front door, and he opened it to find a tall, semirespectable man standing there with a grin on his face. He was an utter stranger to Mr. Bowser, and the query was put to him:

"Well, sir, what can I do for you today?"

"Why, Sam, don't you know me?" was exclaimed in reply, and at the same moment a hand was extended to grasp and shake that of Mr. Bowser.

"I—I don't think I ever saw you before."

"Why, your memory must have got rusty, old man! I'm George Bennett, your brother-in-law," announced the stranger, as he laughed good naturedly.

"Can it be possible?" gasped Mr. Bowser. "Why, I am glad to see you. I haven't heard Mrs. Bowser speak of you in the last twenty years. Where did you come from?"

"Oh, I have been wandering around the world. Just now I came from Peru. Where is Sarah? I hope she is not dead."

"Oh, Sarah is all right, but happens to be out just now. She will be mighty glad to welcome you. How long can you stay with us?"

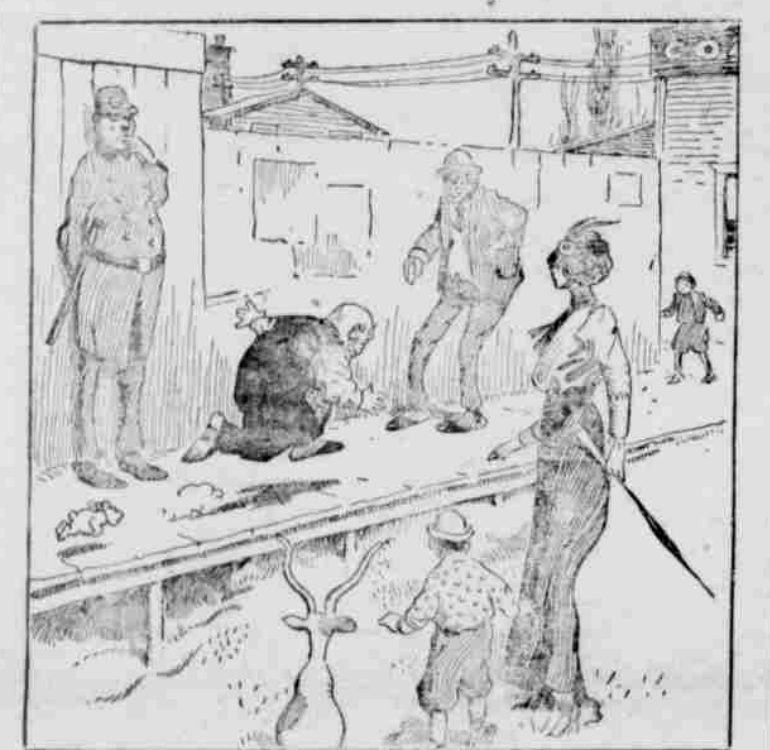
"Oh, a couple of weeks or so," was the reply. "But look here, old man, I came over here with a pocket full of diamonds for Sarah, and as I did not declare them they were seized at the custom house and I must pay \$50 to get them out again. I must be back at the custom house by 3 o'clock, but it happens that I have no \$50 to pay with. The diamonds are worth \$25,000, and it seems a pity to lose them. Can you raise the long green, Brother Sam?"

"Why, surely I can," replied Mr. Bowser. "Just wait a minute and I will get you the money."

Inside of two minutes Mr. Bowser ran upstairs and got the money and was down again, saying:

"Here is the \$50. I will go over to the custom house with you."

"But you needn't do that, Sam. I can find it again without any trouble, and I don't want them to know over there that I was dead broke and had to



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borrow the money. I will be back in less than an hour and then we will talk over old times."

Mr. Bowser decided not to begin the housecleaning performance. He lighted a cigar and sat down on the front steps. When an hour had gone by he began to get a little uneasy. When two hours had passed he went up to the corner, but could see nothing of George Bennett.

At 3 o'clock, with nothing having been heard of George, Mrs. Bowser came home, and Mr. Bowser jumped up and almost yelled:

"Mrs. Bowser, I have the greatest surprise for you that you have had in the last ten years. Come inside and I will tell you about it."

"Well, what is it?" queried Mrs. Bowser as she removed her hat.

"Your brother George is here!"

"My brother George! Why, what do you mean?"

"I mean your brother George. He just arrived here from Peru. Doesn't that surprise you?"

"It surely does, Mr. Bowser, being that I never had a brother. I was the only child in my family, and you knew that before we were married. What about this fellow, George?"

"By the great horn spoon!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser as he jumped up and danced around. "Do you mean that you never had a brother George?"

"That's exactly what I mean. Has some one been here claiming to be my brother George? What did he want?"

"Nothing—that is."

"Mr. Bowser, he wanted money and you lent it to him. You poor babe in the woods! The fellow was a sharper, and you fell for it."

Mr. Bowser started on a run across the room and down the hall, and she heard the door bang after him. He ran thither and yon and stopped many pedestrians to inquire if they had seen his brother-in-law George, but he could find no trace of him. After an hour's hunt he returned to the house and sat down with his head in his hands, and during the whole evening he only spoke at long intervals, and when he spoke he only uttered the words:

"By gosh, by gosh!"

And Mrs. Bowser was good and kind enough not to ask him if he was suffering with bilious colic.

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of acceptance of my rival. Then you inform me that it was a letter of rejection."

"Well, we'll consider all that said."

He raised his eyes to heaven, as if giving thanks. Then he beat his breast dramatically.

"What's that?" she asked.

"Satisfaction at learning that my rival was turned down and self-reproach at the loss of two years of happiness."

"Happiness! How do you know that Rosalind will have you?"

"True enough."

"I shouldn't think you would be much of a picture play writer to make such mistakes as that."

"The theme doesn't work out right. Having failed to put in anything about Rosalind loving Jenkins, I shall have to go back to the beginning and do it all over."

"I don't see any reason for that."

"How shall I supply the deficiency?"

"Why, let him ask her, of course."

"Right you are."

He set down very near her, so near that his cheek almost touched hers, and began to make his lips move in dumb show.

"I don't you think," she said, "that you would enact the part better if you spoke the words? How can a man show feeling while making his lips move without saying anything?"

"Right again. Characters in picture plays really speak their parts." Then he spoke aloud.

"How happy I am to find you in

LOCAL NEWS

Chautauqua at Dallas July 5 to 11.

W. J. Bryan is summering at G. W. Rogers'.

Get your suit from Kreamer. Prices \$12.50 to \$22.50.

Dole Pomeroy was an arrival in Independence Monday.

Robert Smith sold his interest in the pressing and cleaning parlor.

Elliott-O'Brien's carry a fine line of men's straw hats. \$1.25 to \$5.00.

According to the Salem Statesman, J. S. Cooper, Jr., has enlisted.

Frank Miller has gone to Belknap Springs for a two weeks' vacation.

Queen Quality shoes for women at Elliott-O'Brien's \$2.75 to \$5.00.

Miss Ella Robinson is staying with her mother in a Portland hospital.

Mesdames Ireland, Moreland, and Owen motored to Portland this week.

A good pair of reading glasses for \$1.00 at O. A. Kreamer's.

The best place to buy men's work shoes is at Elliott-O'Brien's \$2.50 to \$4.00.

Orrin McElmurry went to Portland yesterday, where he will enlist in the army.

Men's underwear in all kinds and qualities. Big range to select from. 50c to \$1.50.

Elliott-O'Brien Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Paddock attended the funeral of Mr. Knox in Springfield Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Williams had a successful operation for appendicitis in a Salem hospital last week.

Mrs. M. A. Robinson was operated upon in a Portland hospital this week and is doing nicely.

E. E. Tripp, G. W. DeWitt and C. E. Henkle made a business trip to Brownsville Wednesday.

Buy Walton shoes for boys and girls, at Elliott-O'Brien's. All solid leather. Moderately priced.

Howard Johnson was run down by an auto at Main and C Wednesday morning, but was not hurt much.

P. H. Drexler was on the streets Tuesday for the first time since the automobile accident, three weeks ago.

Who said there wasn't any more Coates' crochet thread? Just the same there is plenty to be had of all sizes at Conkey & Walker's.

T. J. Fryer received a cablegram Wednesday announcing the safe arrival of his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Campbell, in France.

Light weight auto caps and hats, sport hats and caps, 50c and \$1.00. Style and shapes to suit all. You should see them. Conkey & Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Burdick, of Portland, ate dinner with Mrs. Burdick's mother, Mrs. Clara Taylor, on Tuesday, being on their way home from Corvallis.

Mrs. Childs and daughters and W. J. Clark and family went to Newport Monday. The party, with the exception of Mr. Clark, will spend several weeks at the coast.

Peter Kurre, H. Sauer, and Eley Fluke were very hopeful when they started for the Alsea country last week that they would bring home a load of fish. They are back and if—

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