# 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 railways 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 Govern-

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the em-

ployes 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 in stigation 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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J. T. Follis and wife celebrat- O.M. Baker and family, Raleigh between Mill City and Silverton Kingston Kinks ed the 4th in Scio. G. F. Harold, Curtis Cole, wife Mike Gassner, Leon Titus, Lis- was three to six in favor of Sil-Mrs. Louise Henkel visited at

Aumsville last week. Liston Darby and wife were week-end visitors at Scio last

the J. E. Whitehead home of

week. Mrs. Curtis Cole and little son visited friends and relatives in

Mrs. Crawford of Portland, Mrs. L. A. Thomas and Miss Della Harold called at the G. F.

Mrs. Creech and Mrs. Carl Titus were Stayton visitors Fri-

Mrs. Ellen Townsend and lit-Mill City several days last week. the grandson Dale Caldwell visited at the D. I. Caldwell home

Harold home Sunday afternoon. the 4th in Salem from here were fair.

Harold and family, Mate Titus, was very interesting. The score and little son attended the Cher- ton Darby and wife, Fred and verton. ry Fair in Salem Monday and Miss Marie Henkel and many

Arthur Leffler was a Stayton past the hotel. visitor Wednesday.

### Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. H. Shank and children Roxana and Melvin left Monday Among those who celebrated for Salem to attend the cherry

> Eldon Griffith spent Sunday at the Charley Bates home.

Frank Habberman and wife and the Misses Effie and Cora Ray called at the Linn Lambert home Sunday.

G. H. Ray, wife and daughter and H. R Shank and wife were Sunday visitors at the Mrs. H. Shank home.

A large crowd attended the telephone meeting Saturday ev-

Mrs. Joe Senz and daughter spent Saturday evening with Mrs. H. R. Shank.

Lyle Lutz called on Theodore Townes one day last week.

Joe Senz, wife and daughter. spent Sunday with H. Senz and

David Aegerter Jr. is employed at J. H. Kloers.

The Misses Zona and Cora Ray spent Sunday evening at the Mrs. H. Shank home.

B. F. Lambert called at E. G. Seigmund's Saturday.

Miss Bertha Thayer of Scio is visiting with her sister Mrs. Floyd Shelton.



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# Mill City Locals

Ella Hubenbecker, eight year Chas. Hubenbecker died July 3 morning of the fourth for a two new auto. Bain Martin also got of stomach and heart trouble.

was attended by many people Sunday July 2 during Rev. Mac- ple attended the celebration at from the neighboring towns. Leods absence. The ball game in the afternoon

The citizen's of the town are building a new side walk up

The company has recently re- ed it. modeled the hotel making new

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week's vacation.

The fourth of July celebration Rev. Knox filled the pulpit

# Lyons and Fox Valley

We had quite a fine day for the Fourth, and everyone enjoy-

Misses Alta and Agnes Brown

The mill and logging camps Mrs. Nella Smith is visiting are closed down a week for the her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen

old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deadman left town the Mr. Vaughn has purchased a one a few weeks ago.

> Quite a number of Lyons peo-Mill City the Fourth.

> E. D. Thompson and family and Miss Pearl Grimes spent the 4th at Shelburn with Mrs. Alva

> > \$100 Reward, \$100

positive cure now known to the medic fraternity. Catarri being a constitution disease, requires a constitutional tredining rooms.

The dance in the evening of the fourth was well attended and every one reported a fine time.

It was said to be the best dance given in Mill City for a long given in Mill City for a long son spent the 4th with Mrs.

Teturned from Salem, where Are taking exam. Miss Alta will teach the Fox Valley the next school term.

H. C. Strom, wife and little son spent the 4th with Mrs.

Strom's mother.

Teturned from Salem, where Are the surfaces of the system, thereand mucous surfaces of the system and surfaces of the ease, requires a constitutional trunt. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken nally, acting directly upon the bld mucous surfaces of the system, the

#### The Farmers Store of Quality Miss Mabel Townes returned home Saturday after a week's visit with friends near Sidney. Roy Brenner and wife of Stay-A Few of the Special Bargains for the Next Ten Days ton were Sunday visitors at the P. H. Lambert home.

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