

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 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 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 em-

ployees 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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Tennis Club Members Attention

The treasurer of the Estacada Tennis Club, Mrs. H. G. Trowbridge wishes to ask that all members, who have not paid their dues, kindly attend to same at once, as the bills incurred by the club are past due.

John Brichacek and Fred Michalicek of Black Wolf, Kansas are visiting at the home of the former's brother-in-law, J. A. Somer of Estacada.

E. W. Bartlett left Tuesday evening for Coos Bay, where he will remain for a week or two, attending to business matters.

Christian Church Ladies Net \$73.25

As a result of the cafeteria dinner service in Estacada Park, July 4th, conducted by the Ladies of the Estacada Christian Church, the sum of \$73.25 was netted.

The ladies wish to thank the public for the liberal support given their booth and the public in turn appreciate the service and good things served.

A band of Eastern Oregon cowboys with a string of tame and outlaw mustangs, has arrived in Estacada. These animals are for sale or trade and are temporarily housed at the Jones livery barn.

Miss Lena Harkenrider and brother George of Portland celebrated the 4th in Estacada.

This office has recently been the recipient of several handsome specimens of vegetables and fruits, including a mammoth head of lettuce from the O'Neel garden in Currinsville and a heavily laden branch of cherries from the J. W. Howard ranch in Dodge. If these samples were average run, big profits would result to the growers in this country.

Moger Fans Fifteen

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grounds and with the steadily increasing contingent of fans and admirers, a big crowd should be present.

Manager Lovelace, at time of the News going to press, could not announce the name of Sunday's contenders, as the Spalding booking agency of Portland phoned that only three of the Portland teams cared to tackle Estacada, namely Lang & Co., who met defeat here a few weeks ago; the Bricklayers, who early in the season nosed out a game against Estacada and the Kenton Giants, who last week won the three game series against The Dalles.

It is hoped that either the Bricklayers or the Kenton Giants will appear Sunday, as the fans are not interested in watching Estacada pile up runs by the dozen, against some of the near champion teams of Portland.

The line-up of Tuesday's game was as follows:-

C. Douglass	C
John Moger	P
G. Smith	1st
Goberg	2nd
R. Douglass	ss
Hewitt	3rd
A. Smith	lf
Alspaugh	cf
Parks	rf

Ed Douglass, Simmons and the Bronson brothers were out of Tuesday's game, but with the exception of Lee Bronson, who has a dislocated thumb, should be in the game during the balance of the season.

How Chalk is Formed.

Deposits of chalk are found on some shores of the sea. A piece of chalk such as the teacher uses to illustrate something on the blackboard at school consists of the remains of thousands of tiny creatures that at one time lived in the sea. All of their bodies, excepting the chalk—called carbonate of lime in scientific language—has disappeared and the chalk that was left was piled up where it fell at the bottom of the ocean, each particle pressing over it all until it became almost solid. It took thousands of years to make these chalk deposits of the thickness in which they are found. Later on, through changes in the earth's surface, the mountain of chalk was raised until it stood out of the water and thus became accessible to man and school teachers.

Not Afraid of Cold Steel.

In her younger days Eugenie, when empress of the French nation, was noted for her great courage, as the following incident proves.

At a brilliant dinner party a somewhat tactless general told her majesty that women should not meddle in politics.

"You know, madame," he said, "that politics lead to war, and if the worse came to the worst you would not have the nerve to face cold steel."

"Wouldn't I?" cried the empress. "I'll show you!" And, snatching a large knife from the table, she inflicted a deep stab on her arm.

After that the general never broached the subject of woman's lack of nerves again.