

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 employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conclusions have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matter 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 of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its unimpaired 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 deficit 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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Proposed Tunnel Rejected Job.

The proposal of the local Chamber of Commerce to bore a tunnel through the hills and connect Portland with the Tualatin valley using the dirt to fill Marquam gulch seems to have met with support from several sources in Portland but the Portland Council saw things in another light as the following, clipped from the Oregonian will indicate: "Construction of a tunnel through the hills in South Portland between Marquam gulch and the Tualatin valley for road purposes is too big a proposition to be considered at this time, according to the decision of the city council yesterday. A communication from the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce asking for Portland support in the project was tabled.

The Beaverton organization asked that the Council join with the outside districts in asking the legislature to create an assessment district to finance the project.

NEWS LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Francis Davis and wife were business visitors in town Monday.

J. A. and Vilas Shepard are putting some fancy touches on the upstairs of the Fred Cady building these days.

The carpenters are at work this week doing some repair work on the Southern Pacific station platform and warehouse.

Bramwell Price, one time a resident of our little city and well known among the young people, was a Beaverton caller Monday.

Miss Anna Peterson left the last of the week for Newport, Oregon, where she will visit for a short time with the R. D. Moore family.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeler Emmons of St. Joseph, Ore., spent the fourth with relatives and friends at this place.

A large crowd of Beaverton people celebrated the national holiday in Portland and Hillsboro.

H. E. Wood and wife returned the last of the week from a motor trip to Ashland. They report an excellent time.

A lawn social will be held on the church grounds at St. Cath in a church next Sunday evening at 8:00 p. m. All are invited.

If your local paper has failed to print all the news you think it should have printed just remember that unless the editor can out-think some one and get the information it will not be published.

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Miss Olive Craig left Monday for Ashland where she will visit this summer with her grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Peppers.

Deceased.

Fannie Hauner, wife of Frank J. Hauner of this city, was laid to rest at Riverview Cemetery July 6. She had been ill for ten days at the Emanuel hospital with a tumor on the brain. She is survived by husband and three children Freddie, Frances and Eugene, two sisters Sophie Kracht of Portland and Mrs. L. C. Lee of Los Angeles, Cal., also her father F. W. Kracht.

Bennett Thompson Indicted.

The Grand Jury indicted the murder suspect, Bennett Thompson last week for stealing a pair of scissors from the Japanese who were working at the Gard ranch. These with several other articles were known to have been stolen by Thompson a few days before the murder and were found along with a silk handkerchief, part of the loot, near the spot where the corpse of the jitney driver was found.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of our beloved wife, sister and daughter also for the beautiful floral offerings.
FRANK A. HAUNER,
SOPHIE KRACHT,
MRS. L. C. LEE,
F. W. KRACHT.

AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

Suit has been filed by W. L. Tobey et al against James E. Scoulton for the recovery of \$550 which is alleged to be due on a note signed by the defendant.

Daisy Gonghlin is suing her husband, Geo. B. Gonghlin for a divorce, alleging that defendant has grossly mistreated her and has disregarded his marriage vows. She asks alimony to the sum of \$1800 which is to be paid in installments of \$30 per month till the entire amount has been paid.

Another divorce suit is one in which Esther Matthews is asking for a divorce from Frank L. Matthews. The defendant is charged with cruel and inhuman treatment and the plaintiff alleges that she has been compelled to work in order to support the family of five children and herself. As alimony she asks \$500 for support for herself and the children.

The Lefkova Company, a Japanese corporation has brought suit against E. M. Chandler and the Chandler Lumber Co. for

\$470 alleged to be due for wages earned by several Japanese laborers in the defendant employ. Mary V. Cassidy vs. William D. Cassidy. Divorce, alleging inhuman treatment and non-support. The plaintiff also alleges that the defendant has, on several occasions, accused her falsely before friends and her family. Alma Ingle is suing her husband, Earl W. Ingle, for divorce, alleging that her husband is a habitual drunkard and in the habit of coming home in a state of gross intoxication. She asks for her maiden name and the costs of the action.

Philip C. Peik has brought a suit for damages against Louis Neilson alleging that Neilson assaulted him with a club, striking him upon the head and rendered him unconscious. He further alleges that because of the assault he was greatly injured and will suffer ill health for some time to come. As relief he asks \$80 for medical expenses, \$22.50 for his loss of time, \$5000 for the humiliation and physical pain and impairment of strength and \$1000 for punitive damages. Peik is a resident of the Huber district and Neilson runs a saw mill near Hazeldale.

The Sunday school children have undertaken relief work for the stricken refugees of Belgium. Mrs. W. E. Pegg has donated the use of a room to be used for the preparation of articles to be sent. All are requested to donate something toward the work. Next week we will give more information concerning the Belgian relief.

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