

ROADS STAND BY LOYAL EMPLOYEES

Tell President Harding Old and New Men Must Be Protected in Strike Settlement.

NOT A MATTER OF CHOICE

Faithful Employees Have Both Legal and Moral Rights to Seniority and Other Benefits.

New York. — The keynote of the reply made by railway executives representing more than 150 Class 1 railroads of the United States to the proposition of President Harding that "All strikers be returned to their work and their former positions, with seniority and other rights unimpaired," lies in the last paragraph of their reply to the president, as follows:

"It is submitted that the striking former 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."

The executives had accepted the first two conditions proposed by the president, namely, that both employers and employees accept the decisions of the labor board, and that all law suits growing out of the strike be withdrawn; and in relation to the third condition state, not only as above, but also as follows:

Agree With the President. "The railroad executives and managers agree entirely with the president's statement in his letter that 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 employees and workers are both prompt and unflinching in their acceptance of its decisions. Many men in the service refuse to join the strike and in so doing were assured of the seniority right accruing to them and of the permanence of their positions. On some important lines 50 per cent or more refused to join the strike. To these loyal employees have been added thousands of new men who were employed and could be secured only on a definite promise, regarding their services would be retained, regardless of the settlement of the strike, with all the rights appertaining to such employment, including that of seniority under the working rules and regulations previously approved by the railroad labor board.

"Just the Opposite Effect." "We especially point out that a refusal to the old men who remained in the service and to the new men who accepted service of the rights of seniority incident to their employment would have just the opposite effect to that desired by the president, and would most seriously discredit the labor board. "The board itself prescribed the rules of seniority under which the men referred to have secured their seniority rights, and the railroad companies have neither the legal nor moral right to deprive these men of those rights. By public utterances since the strike began the board has recognized and emphasized these rights, and to deny them now would, instead of upholding the authority of the labor board, overthrow its rules and discredit its authority. The chairman of the labor board at the time the strike was called made the following public statement:

"Upon one question the striking employees should not be deceived. Their leader has said that the strikers are no longer employees of the railroads, and they have thus automatically abandoned all the rights they possess under their agreements and under the decisions of the board, including their seniority. This is not the board's action. It is their own. Many carriers are giving their former employees the opportunity to re-enter the service within a limited time. It must be understood now that men who remained in the service and those who are re-entering it will have rights of seniority that the board could not ignore."

What the Proposed Plan Means. "It must be understood that any proposal that employees now on strike shall be permitted to return to the service without impairment to their seniority, is merely another way of suggesting that those men who took employment in this crisis in good faith, relying on the promises of the railroads to protect them in their positions, these promises being justified by the authoritative utterances of the labor board, and thus have made possible the continued operation of the railroads, shall now be sacrificed in favor of men now on strike, who not only brought about the crisis, but, by their own action and declaration, are no longer employees of the railroads, under the jurisdiction of the United States 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 made by the railroads to the men now at work, there is the practical effect on the supervisory officers of a violation of the pledges they were authorized to make. Their discouragement and demoralization would be far more disastrous than this or any other strike."

CHECKING UP. A negro boy walked into a drug store and asked permission to use the telephone. Then the following conversation took place:

"Is that you Mistah Jones?" "Yes," apparently was the reply. "Well, Mistah Jones, I saw your ad in de paper the other day and yo wanted a cullud boy. Did you get one?" "Yes," seemed to be the answer again. "Well, Mistah Jones, is he givin' perfect satisfaction?" The reply seemed still to be affirmative. "Well, Mistah Jones, providen dis cullud boy don't give perfect satisfaction you call me at 54."

The boy turned and started out, and

the drugist, who had overheard remarked: "You didn't do any good, did you?" "Yes, sah," came the reply. "I's dat cullud boy what's workin' down there. I's jest checkin' up to see how I stand." — Los Angeles Times.

Slats' Diary.

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—Ant Emmy is kind of old-fashioned witch in visiting at are home while she is ma's guest. She ast me what book was I reading this evening and when I informed her it was named When Nighthood was in Fleur she curls up her nose and claimed she had no use for all these new-fangled names of the present day and age. She sed when she was a little girl of yung yrs. they called them Night Caps and letter go at that. She says Hoeds was on vore in cold climates like Greenland and Janady.

Sat—Blisters got the gang to gather today and suggested that instead of playing base ball we shud ought to form a yung boys winking club and eruv money cleaning up the town, but he changed his mind because he seen his idea was about as Popular as a republican in Alabama.

Sunday—Mr. Gillem was out of luck today. They got up before daylite to take a trip and he told pa he had made a mistake and pored milk in his crank case and when he got a few mi. out in the country he discovered that he had churned it into butter. Ma sed he was a Jon.

Monday—Past bills all the after noon for the store and got paid ten etc. I gess this store is what you wood call a Close Corporation. Only it iant any joking matter with me.

Tuesday—Ant Emmy hassent saw are new house yet witch we are bilding. She ast pa what it was going to look like and he told her it would probly look like a piece of difcult music. She ast why and he sed because it would have so many Notes on it.

Wedne day—Ma is trying to get me to pay with Edwin Smith on acct, he uses good English but I druther listen to sum I I can understand what he is talking abt.

Thursday—Ma tuk sum pears over to oie man Hix and he sed he wont never eat pears because his grampa died of Pearitonitis.

Maternity Nursing—will go to home. Mrs. M. L. Oney, Heppner. St.

GRAVE CRISIS FACED

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they did not even look in gas-war days. It is interesting to note the changes in the villages. Formerly they nearly all walked to Jerusalem, even from a distance that took them four or five hours. Now public automobiles run out into the country for ten miles and have largely monopolized transportation. Wages for skilled and unskilled labor have risen several hundred per cent and good mechanics now demand \$5 per day. The hours of labor used to be from sunrise to sunset, but by the organization of labor unions, they now have in Jaffa an eight-hour day.

Russian Reds Issue Broad Loan Certificates. The Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail reports that the Bolsheviks are floating an internal loan of so fantastic a character that if it were not vouched for on the authority of the Communist paper "Rote Fahne," one would think the tale invented by their enemies. The loan is called a "bread loan" and certificates and shares are made out in pools of rye instead of in rubles. A subscriber of 4,000,000 rubles, or, in the new monetary system arrived at by cutting off noughts, 400 rubles) no exchange value) the present price of a pool of rye (thirty-six pounds) receives a certificate entitling him to receive full value in rye at the end of the year. This is a powerful appeal to speculators. They know the ruble falls consistently and are certain that rye will be considerably dearer in a year. The Moscow government guarantees the loan by a special corn fund created for the purpose and by a reserve of 10,000,000 gold rubles.

Philippine Coal Offered. It is reported that General Logan, agent at Manila for the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, has cabled to Secretary of Commerce Hoover offering Philippine semi-anthracite coal to assist in meeting the coal and railroad emergency in the United States. General Logan suggested that if a handling and shipping organization were perfected in the Philippines, and shipping board vessels were made

available for transportation, 20,000 tons could be shipped monthly to America. The commerce bureau agent is holding informal conferences with mine operators to perfect tentative plans in case the offer of shipments from the island is accepted.

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to the Reichbank at one o'clock sharp,' sends it up the tube and in a short time Germany has some more billions ready. The French, who have less sense of humor than the Germans, do not like this at all, for they pretend that it is simply a game on Germany's part. It is strange that an art-loving people like the French do not recognize the admirable work in these German banknotes, but then to be really humorous requires a philosophic sense."

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