# FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC:

The Railroads' statement of their position on the threatened strike, as presented to the President of the United States

A strike on all the railroads of the country has been called by the Train Brotherhoods for 7 o'clock Monday morning, September 4.

This strike was ordered from Washington while the President of the United States was making every effort to avert the disaster.

## The Final Railroad Proposal

The final proposal made by the railroads for a peaceful settlement of the controversy, but which was rejected by the brotherhoods, was as follows:

(a) The railroads will, effective September 1, 1916, keep the time of all men represented in this movement, upon an 8 hour basis and by separate account, monthly, with each man, maintain a record of the difference between the money actually earned by him on the present basis and the amount that would have been earned upon an 8 hour basis—overtime on each basis to be computed pro rata.

The amounts so shown will be subject to the decision of the Commission, provided for in Paragraph (c) of this memorandum and payable in money, as may be directed by said Commission in its findings and

(b) The Interstate Commerce Commission to supervise the keeping of these accounts and report the increased cost of the 8 hour basis, after such period of

actual experience as their judgment approves or the President may fix, not, however, less than three

(c) In view of the far-reaching consequences of the declaration made by the President, accepting the 8 hour day, not only upon the railroads and the classes of labor involved directly in this controversy, but to the public and upon all industry, it seems plain that before the existing conditions are changed, the whole subject in so far as it affects the railroads and their employees, should be investigated and determined by a Commission to be appointed by the President, of such standing as to compel attention and respect to its findings. The judgment of such a Commission would be a helpful basis for adjustments with labor and such legislation as intelligent public opinion, so informed, might demand.

### Statement of Executives to the President

In submitting this proposal to the President, the fifty railroad executives called to Washington and representing all the great arteries of traffic, made this statement to him of their convictions:

The demands in this controversy have not been presented, in our judgment, for the purpose of fixing a definite daily period of labor, nor a reduction in the existing hours of labor or change in methods of operation, but for the real purpose of accomplishing an increase in wages of approximately One Hundred Million Dollars per annum, or 35 per cent. for the men in railroad freight train and yard service represented by the labor organizations in this matter.

After careful examination of the facts and patient and continuous consultation with the Conference Committee of Managers, and among ourselves, we have reached a clear understanding of the magnitude of the questions, and of the serious consequences to the railroads and to the public, involved in the decision

### Trustees for the Public

As trustees for the public served by our lines and for the great mass of the less powerful employees (not less than 80 per cent. of the whole number) interested in the railroad wage fund-as trustees also for the millions of people that have invested their savings and capital in the bonds and stock of these properties, and who through the saving banks, trust companie and insurance companies, are vitally interested to the extent of millions of dollars, in the integrity and solvency of the railroads of the country, we cannot in conscience surrender without a hearing, the principle involved, nor undertake to transfer the enormous cost that will result to the transportation of the commerce

The eight-hour day without punitive overtime involves an annual increase, approximately, in the aggregate of Sixty Millions of Dollars, and an increase of more than 20 per cent. in the pay of the men, already the most highly paid in the transportation

The ultimate cost to the railroads of an admission in this manner of the principle under contention cannot now be estimated; the effect upon the efficiency of the transportation of the country now already under severe test under the tide of business now moving, and at a time when more, instead of less,

effort is required for the public welfare, would be harmful beyond calculation.

The widespread effect upon the industries of the country as a whole is beyond measure or appraisement at this time, and we agree with the insistent and widespread public concern over the gravity of the situation and the consequences of a surrender by the railroads in this emergency.

In like manner we are deeply impressed with the sense of our responsibility to maintain and keep open the arteries of transportation, which carry the life blood of the commerce of the country, and of the consequences that will flow from even temporary interruption of service over the railroads, but the issues presented have been raised above and beyond the social and monetary questions involved, and the responsibility for the consequences that may arise will rest upon those that provoke it.

### Public Investigation Urged

The questions involved are in our respectful judgment, eminently suitable for the calm investigation and decision by the public through the agency of fair arbitration, and cannot be disposed of, to the public satisfaction, in any other manner.

The decision of a Commission or Board of Arbitration, having the public confidence, will be accepted by the public, and the social and financial rearrangements made necessary thereby will be undertaken by the public, but in no less deliberate nor orderly

The railroads of the country cannot under present conditions assume this enormous increase in their expenses. If imposed upon them, it would involve many in early financial embarrassment and bankruptcy and imperil the power of all to maintain their credit and the integrity of their securities.

The immediate increase in cost, followed by other increases that would be inevitable, would substantially appropriate the present purchasing power of the railroads and disable them from expanding and improving their facilities and equipment, to keep abreast of the demands of the country for efficient transportation service.

In good faith we have worked continuously and earnestly in a sincere effort to solve the problem in justice to all the parties at interest. These efforts were still in progress when the issuance of the strike order showed them to be unavailing.

## **Problem Threatens Democracy Itself**

The strike, if it comes, will be forced upon the country by the best paid class of laborers in the world, at a time when the country has the greatest need for transportation efficiency.

The problem presented is not that alone of the railroad or business world, but involving democracy itself, and sharply presents the question whether any group of citizens should be allowed to possess the power to imperil the life of the country by conspiring to block the arteries of commerce.

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### **Court House News**

An action was filed in the circuit court Saturday by T. G. Bligh, the Sa lem theatre magnate, against A. E. Laflar and George B. Guthrie, of the Oregon theatre, and H. B. Bogarty and J. W. Maloney, to collect the sum of \$2000 which he claims to be due him from a deal in which the Bligh theatre at Albany was transferred to the defendants. The deal is said to have been Indiants. The deal is said to have been made June 1, 1914, and plaintiff alleges that he was ready at all times to give a bill of sale, but that the defendants waived a bill of sale by accepting title and thereafter transferring title and possession to the Albany Amusement company, a corporation. The defendant were to say Pilick 2350 as fendants were to pay Bligh \$3500, according to the complaint. Of this a mount \$1000 was to be paid prior to July 1, 1914, and the remaining \$2500 was to be paid in semi-annual install-ments of \$500, beginning January 1, 1915. It is stated that the only part of the \$2000, now claimed due, received by the plaintiff is \$75 interest,

An action for divorce has been file An action for divorce has been filed in the circuit court by Dora Caroline Tower against James Patrick Tower. In the complaint it is alleged that Tower has been infatuated with a ward of the state school for the feeble minded, designated as "Molly," and has showered gifts upon her. Tower, it is stated, was dismissed from the employ of the school about a month ago. Mr. and Mrs. Tower were married in Arkansas in 1881.

The final account of Thomas B. Morgan, administrator of the estate of E. Clara Martin Morgan, has been approv-

Lina Cookingham has been appointed by the county court as guardian of Kammie and Rubby Plummer, minors.

### THE MARKETS

The following prices for fruits and vegetables are those asked by the wholesaler of the retailer, and not what is paid to the producer. All other prices are those paid the producer. Corrections are made daily.

There is but very little change in to day's markets as today is Labor day and on national holidays the markets show no change. Wheat is quoted locally as high as \$1.09 for the first grade and oats are stronger with 40 cents as ity in performing the "ceremony."

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Green peppers 6
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Onions, Walla Walla \$1.7
Fruits.
Watermelons 1 1-2
Muskmelons \$1.5
Peaches, Oregon 25@60
Peaches, Oregon 25@60 Grapes
Apples 50c@\$1.0
Oranges, Valencies \$4,3
Lemons, per box 87.88@7.5
Cantaloupes, per box \$1.75@ 2.6
Bananas, pound t
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Florida grape fruit \$6.0
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of six months and seven years were ing, aside from the "ceremony" by which the old ties were tightened. The "Ritual" for the ecremony was prepared, it is said, by C. A. Adams, of the Donald bank, and included almost everything except the promissory note of the groom and a mortgage on the bride.

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### **Turner Tidings**

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Turner, Ore., Sept. 4.—Henry C. Porter, of Aumsville, was at the Turner home this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Small have moved

to Independence. Miss Hallie Thomas left Thursday for

Merle Pearson and family were in Marion last Sunday.
A. L. Bones and wife were at the

coast last week.

Aunt Sarah Condit is receiving con gratulations over the arrival of a great-grandson, Lawrence W.
Agnes Kelly has been working for Mrs. J. M. Bones the past week.
Clarence Forrest and family left Fri-

day for Independence. George Moore went to Portland last

Sunday returning Monday. Villard Hall left Sunday for the hop

fields.

J. Kelly has been very busy hauling camp outfits to the hop fields.
Ed Cochran is back to work again. Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Bicknell planned a social afternoon one day last week, the occasion being the 40th anniversary of Rev. Bickness as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian church. Ice cream and cake were served during the afternoon. Among those during the afternoon. Among those present were Clara and Rosa Ahrens, Emma Hohl, Murial Salisbury, Elizabeth Cornelius, Mrs. F. Putnam and

Mrs. Simeral.
Mrs. B. G. Briggs was a Salem visitor Saturday.
Tom Cook and family left for eastern
Oregon Wednesday.
Lorena Farris spent the week-end
with relatives in Turner.

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Mrs. M. Barzee and daughterw. Mrs.

Georgia Robertson, Miss Lizzie Cornelius, Evelyn and Will Parker left Saturday to pick hops near Independence.

The Lee Jeans family are camping at the hop yards in Polk county.

Alfred Wright and son, Homer, of

Portland, were bu siness visitors in Turner last week. L. D. Barr and M. O. Knight are back again, but "Dad" Barr is worse off than he was before making the trip

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to the Hot Springs.

Mrs. G. W. Moore and daughters,
Eleanor, Dorothy and Agnes, spent a

30a week in Portland, the bouse guests of
88.00 Mr and Mrs. Frank Hall, formerly of
87.80 Turner.

\$7.80 Turner. 40c Mr. and Mrs. Frank Near were at

Flour, hard wheat \$1.80@2.00

Flour, valley \$1.40@1.60

THE QUINNS CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Quinn celebrated their china wedding analyersary at Donald last week. Cards, dancing and banquet were the features of the evening, aside from the "ceremony" by present.

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