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CHALLENGE TO THE PUBLIC

The railroad shop strike differs from the coal strike. Coal mining does not have to go on all the time. But transportation cannot stop.

The federal transportation act set up the Railroad Labor board as an arbiter of wages and working conditions in order to remove excuses for walk-outs and lock-outs. The board is the final authority in disputes of the sort which formerly led to strikes. The government has accepted the theory that it has the power to keep traffic uninterrupted in the public interest.

The shopmen are challenging that theory. They have the unquestioned right to quit work and to use peaceful persuasion to discourage others from taking their places. They voluntarily surrendered their privileged status under the transportation law. That does not excuse them for playing the dog in the manger. The Esch-Cummins act, applied in the Labor Board's rulings, cannot be suspended at their say so.

The public's interest in the continuance of railroad operation is paramount. A tiny minority of ex-railroad workers sets up a contrary interest. And, having set it up, this minority is unwilling to let the issue be settled peacefully and lawfully. It is free to resort to the courts if it thinks that the Railroad Labor board overstepped its authority in the recent wage decisions.

The government cannot be intimidated. Neither can the public, which is determined to see mails, passengers, and freight carried.

LOSSES DUE TO STRIKE

We are likely to limit the losses due to the strike to the wages that the men have not drawn and to the earnings which the railroads have not earned. Stockholders may suffer a little. The general public has been inconvenienced; but the main item we read about are wages and earnings. The future indirect losses are yet to be computed.

In Georgia and other southern states, it is reported that thousands of acres of melons and fruit have gone to waste because the railroads could not transport them. In California a conference of business men notified the President that two hundred million dollars worth of perishable fruit would be lost if the railroads could not haul it promptly.

Men engaged in the business of raising fruits and vegetables, those who preserve them, and finally the families that depend largely upon them in the winter season are all future sufferers from this interference with railroad service. What fruits and vegetables have been canned will cost more to the final consumer. When the orderly processes of such a tremendous industry as the railroads are interfered with, no man can trace all the avenues of evil consequences.

USE OF GASES ON FARM

Farm pests of every variety from the army worm and chinch bug to rabbits and crows are to be exterminated by gases which the war developed, says the Springfield Journal. The jack rabbits in the west have been enemies from which we would be free. Mustard gas, it is asserted, has a deadly effect upon them. It sticks close to the ground. The rabbit's feet are afflicted. He rubs them over his face, blinds himself and communicates the gas to his lungs.

Mustard and other forms of gas, it is believed, will wipe out many other varieties of enemies of grain. Gases may promise much, but do not welcome them with too much glee. There are some friendly insects, birds and animals whose extermination by this route would not be desirable.

The colleges of agriculture and other research agencies, should give the gas idea very careful thought and attention before they advise farmers what to do.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. E. A. Williams and son Earl are enjoying an extended trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Helen Hill returned Sunday from a motor trip to Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Florence Stevens and her sister Mrs. Harold Larson of Evanston motored to Milwaukee, Wis., on Saturday.

Mrs. George W. Kane and daughter Roberta of Cleveland, Ohio were the guests of Mrs. M. Warner last Friday.

Mrs. C. H. Doyle of Olney, Ill., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Guyot, this week. Miss Ida Montgomery of Chicago was the week end guest of Mrs. Guyot.

Miss J. C. Olsen of Green Bay, Wis., is visiting the Olof Lindbloom family.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bock and family motored to Ft. Atkinson and Madison, Wis., where they were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Berchardt and Mr. William Hupprich.

Miss Helen Rogan and Mrs. Hugh Rafferty have returned from a two week vacation at Readstown, Wis., where they visited friends.

Allen Masch is in the Highland Park hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday.

Miss Josephine Faxon has returned from Three Lakes, Wis., where she has been the guest of the Misses Willits at their summer home.

Miss Elena Fabtoni, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Brown of Ravinia, is visiting Miss Adella Bird in Niles, Mich. for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Boynton are making an extended tour of the Canadian Pacific Rockies, stopping at Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

Miss Mae Fred Hanson and Mrs. Iverson left last Friday for Oconomowoc, Wis., where they will visit Miss Hanson's parents.

Mrs. Clara H. Steven's, Mrs. Percy Prior's mother of Lake Bluff spent the week end with her daughter.

Mrs. Julius Frank and daughter Eleanor of Ogdenburg, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Frank's sister, Mrs. Henry H. Schumann, 328 N. Sheridan Road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheahan left Tuesday for Kansas City, Mo., where they will visit their daughter Sister Ann Rita (Mildred Sheahan).

Mrs. L. N. Green and son of Aurora, Ill., spent last week with Charles Green and family.

Mrs. Gertrude and Isabelle Clarke are spending the week with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lurvey of Oakbrook, Wis., and Miss Helen Meitman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hart last week.

Miss Gladys Hoputt of Chicago is visiting Mrs. A. B. Hill of Glenview Ave., indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Geiser of Des Moines, Ia., are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Geiser.

Miss Emma Evans left last Saturday night for a two weeks' trip through Yellowstone National Park with the Mid-West Christian Endeavor League. There were 195 in the party.

Mrs. Margaret Sheahan and Danny Lamb of Oakfield, Wis., are spending the week visiting friends and relatives in Highland Park.

Mrs. Carl Kuist and daughter Mary Edith who spent the past six weeks with relatives and friends in this city, left last Thursday for their home in Yakima, Wash.

Miss Mary Mills attended a luncheon at the Edgewater Beach hotel.

Miss Florence Wanless entertained at luncheon and bridge Tuesday in honor of her house guest, Miss Catherine Rugh of Racine.

Miss Esther Johnson entertained the Joy Girls at her home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain enjoyed a trip to Starved Rock over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver Thayer and family are spending their vacation at Spring Park, Minn.

Mrs. W. H. Grant of Minneapolis has returned to her home after spending two weeks with Mrs. H. J. Thayer.

Mrs. Lucius Hine is spending a few weeks at Roaring Brook Inn, Harbor Springs, Mich.

Mr. Joe Berube and five children motored to Pullman last Monday. The children are visiting there for a few days.

Miss Marjorie Claire Bowden left yesterday to visit Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones at Edgewood cottage, Diamond lake.

Miss Helen Hoyne is making a two weeks' visit in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutchler were the guests of Mr. Mutchler's sister and brother-in-law at their twenty-fifth anniversary at their summer cottage in McHenry. The latter are leaving for The Dells, Wis.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and Dr. and Mrs. George Jones of Chicago and Diamond lake, spent Highland Park day with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Bowden of Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson have returned from a motor trip to Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Erringer and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Briggs are enjoying a fishing and golfing trip at Bemidji, Minn. They are staying at the Perchmont Beach hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams are visiting in Chester, N. H.

Mr. Charles T. Boynton and Mr. Walter H. Baldwin left last week for a trip to the Canadian Pacific Rockies. They will visit Lake Louise, Banff, Steamboat, Seattle and other points.

The Frank C. Clarks have sold their home, 826 Clark avenue, and will move to Evanston.

Miss Virginia Winston and Rosemary Lytton are spending the summer at the Luther Gulick camp on Lake Sebago, Maine.

Mr. Arthur Goelitz of Rochester, N. Y., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Goelitz, of Ravinia.

Miss Maud Baake is enjoying a vacation at Camp Milhurst.

Mrs. Ray S. Anderson and Miss Marjorie Ward left Wednesday for a several weeks' trip in the Canadian Rockies.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bingham have had as their guests, Mrs. J. McLane and daughter, Pauline, of Indiana.

Miss Alice Dolan entertained about 15 friends at a luncheon on Thursday afternoon of last week it being her birthday anniversary. The party was given on the lawn at Miss Anna Ohlwein's residence. All had a most enjoyable time and hope there will be many more birthdays for Mrs. Dolan.

Miss Mary Berquist formerly of Highland Park from New Jersey, was the guest of Miss Anna Ohlwein for several days, last week.

Miss Mary Potrate who has been visiting at Waupaca, Wis., for about six weeks has again returned to Highland Park.

Rev. W. F. Suhr who has been visiting at Fort Wayne, Ind., for two weeks has returned and has as his guest Mr. Lucke who delivered a very interesting sermon last Sunday morning.

Mrs. F. C. Noerenberg and two children are leaving today for Barrington Park.

Miss Mildred Goelitz is visiting friends in the Ozark mountains for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thayer have returned from a seven weeks' trip of three thousand miles through Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown and family of Ridgewood Drive are enjoying a motor trip to Ypsilanti, Mich., and Canada. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Messrs Howard Huber and Stanley Carr are taking a river trip from St. Louis, Mo., to Shiloh, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rigdon had as their guests a few days last week Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolf and daughter Isabelle of Columbus, Ohio, who are en route to their home from a tour to Yellowstone National Park.

Mr. Wolf is Mrs. Rigdon's brother.

Miss Edith Mae Brown has returned to Highland Park after spending the past six weeks with friends in London, Ontario.

A large motor truck caught fire on S. Green Bay road, last Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock. The body of the truck was almost completely destroyed, but there was little damage to the motor.

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