

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 conferences 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 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 revenues 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 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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CHARTER of the POOLE and STANGA UNDERTAKING COMPANY, INC.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of St. Tammany, Before me, Adrian D. Schwartz, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish and State, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the persons who are hereunto subscribed, residents of this State who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the Legislature of this State, known as Act 267 of 1914, they do by these presents agree and bind themselves as well as all other such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, in and for the Parish and State, to constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes hereinafter set forth and under the following conditions to-wit:

ARTICLE I. The name of this corporation shall be The Poole and Stanga Undertaking Company, (Inc.); and it shall enjoy all rights, privileges, and immunities guaranteed to corporations under the law.

ARTICLE II. The domicile of this corporation shall be Covington, Louisiana, where all service of legal process shall be made, according to laws now, or which may hereafter be established relative to the service of citation or other legal process on corporations.

ARTICLE III. The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized

shall constitute the first Board of Directors: W. M. POOLE, President, Covington Louisiana. John A. Stanga, Vice President Madisonville, Louisiana. J. Elliott Stanga, Secretary-Treasurer, Covington, Louisiana.

ARTICLE V. The subscriptions to capital stock in this corporation are hereby declared to be as follows: W. M. POOLE 25 shares; Jno. A. Stanga, 24 shares; J. Elliott Stanga, 1 share. All shares fully paid up in cash.

ARTICLE VI. No incorporator or stockholder of this company shall ever be held liable for any debts of this company or by reason of any informality in the organization of this company under the laws beyond the unpaid balance due on his stock subscription herein.

ARTICLE VII. The capital stock of this corporation may be increased to \$10,000 up on the compliance with the provisions of law.

There shall be no preferred stock. Thus done and passed at my office in Covington, Louisiana, on this 5th day of June, 1916, in the presence of Karl J. Kohnke and Irene Barrios who have hereto signed their names with the said appearers, and me, Notary. For due reading of the whole.

WALLACE M. POOLE, J. A. STANGA, J. ELLIOTT STANGA.

Witnesses: KARL J. KOHNKE, IRENE BARRIOS, ADRIAN D. SCHWARTZ, jun 10-16, Notary Public.

I certify that this instrument was filed for record June 8, 1916, and recorded June 8, 1916, in Charter Book 1, page 78, of the official records.

W. E. BLOSSMAN, Dy. Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder, jun 10-16

CHARTER of the BEDCO LUMBER COMPANY, INCORPORATED.

United States of America, State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Tammany.

Be it known, That on this 11th day of July, A. D. 1916, before me, Thos. M. Burns, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn in and for the parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, therein residing, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the law of the State of Louisiana, relative to the organization of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do covenant and agree, bind and form themselves, as well as such other persons who may hereafter join or become associated with them, into a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations, to-wit:

ARTICLE I. The name and style of this corporation shall be "Bedco Lumber Company, Inc." and under that name it shall have and enjoy all rights and privileges granted by law to corporations; it shall exist for a period of ninety-nine years from this day; it shall have power to contract, sue and be sued in its corporate name; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to alter at pleasure; to hold

receive, purchase, convey, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge, property, both real and personal; to issue bonds, notes and other obligations; to have and employ such managers, directors, officers, agents and other employees as the interests and convenience of said corporation may require; to make and to establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and control of the affairs of the corporation as may be reasonable and expedient.

ARTICLE II. The domicile of said corporation shall be in the town of Covington, Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana; all citations and other legal process shall be served on the president, and in his absence on the vice-president, and in the absence of both on the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE III. The purpose for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be: To construct and maintain saw mills, planing mills, dry kilns, commissaries and other buildings, railroads, canals, telegraph and telephone lines and other works of public improvement; to construct, own, lease, hire, purchase and operate schooners, steamboats, towboats, barges, dredge boats, pull boats and other water craft, for transportation of freight and passengers; to manufacture lumber, and other building materials, buy and sell on commission, lumber and all kinds of building materials logs and all sorts of merchandise, and generally to do and perform any and every act and thing pertaining to the business above enumerated, connected therewith or arising therefrom, in this State and elsewhere.

ARTICLE IV. The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars divided into and represented by fifty (50) shares of stock of the par value of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars each, which shall be paid for in cash when subscribed for, or in such manner as the Board of Directors may designate or shall be issued for labor performed, services rendered, or for the purchase of property, as said Board may elect, all of which shall be common stock.

That this corporation shall be a going concern when Twenty-Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars of its capital stock is actually paid for in cash. All shares of stock shall be full paid and non-assessable, which capital stock may be increased to a sum not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, in which event, during the period between the call for the meeting for such increase and the meeting, the person holding the stock at the time shall have the right to take shares of the additional or increased stock, proportionate to the number of shares owned by them, and any shares not taken at the expiration of said period may be disposed of by the Board of Directors, for the benefit of the corporation at not less than their par value. No transfer of stock shall be binding upon the corporation unless recorded upon the books.

ARTICLE V. All the corporate powers of this corporation and the management and control of its affairs shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors composed of three (3) stockholders, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all of the business. The Directors shall be elected annually by ballot by the stockholders, on the second Monday in January of each year. Each person shall be entitled in person or by proxy to a vote for every share owned by him, and all elections shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Board of Directors; the Directors thus elected shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors have been duly elected.

ARTICLE VI. I certify that this instrument was filed for record July 11, 1916, and recorded July 11, 1916, in Charter Book 1, folio —, of the official records.

W. E. BLOSSMAN, Dy. Clerk & Ex-Officio Recorder, July 15-16, Notary Public.

THE NEXT EXAMINATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES WILL BE HELD IN MY OFFICE ON JULY 24, 25, 26 FOR WHITES, AND 27, 28, 29 FOR COLORED APPLICANTS. Examination questions for special

ed and qualified. No failure to elect shall be regarded as a forfeiture of this charter. Any vacancy occurring on said Board shall be filled by the remaining Directors for the unexpired term.

The Board of Directors shall, at its first meeting after its election nominate out of its number a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer; said Board shall have the right to divide the office of Secretary and Treasurer and may elect a Secretary who need not be a stockholder, but whose tenure of office shall be during the pleasure of the Board. And said Board shall have the right to appoint and dismiss the clerks, managers, secretary and other employees of the corporation as the interests and business of the same may require. Any of the Directors shall have the right to appoint by written instrument another Director as his proxy, to act in his stead at any and all meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI. Until the election to be held on the second Tuesday in January, 1917 the following named persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors, viz: Kenneth Pitcher, postoffice Hammond, La.; Edward J. Frederick, postoffice Covington, La.; and Maurice P. Planche, postoffice Covington, La., with said Kenneth Pitcher as president, Maurice P. Planche as vice-president, and Edward J. Frederick as secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE VII. No stockholder shall be liable or responsible for the contracts, faults and debts of said corporation, nor shall any mere informality in its organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance due on the shares owned by him.

ARTICLE VIII. This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered or this corporation may be dissolved with the assent of the stockholders owning two-thirds of the stock of the corporation, at a general meeting convened for that purpose and after at least fifteen (15) days written notice to each shareholder at his last known place of residence.

In case of a dissolution by the expiration of this charter or otherwise the stockholders shall elect two (2) liquidators from among their number to liquidate and settle the business and affairs of the company.

In case of death or disability of any of said commissioners or liquidators, the survivors or the remaining liquidators shall appoint a successor to him.

Thus done and passed in my office on the day, month and year first above written, and in the presence of T. E. Brewster and A. D. Crawford competent witnesses, who have signed with said appearers and me, said Notary, after due reading of the whole.

Kenneth Pitcher, Hammond La., 11 shares; M. P. Planche, Covington, La., 3 shares.

Witnesses: T. E. BREWSTER, A. D. CRAWFORD, THOS. M. BURNS, Notary Public.

I certify that this instrument was filed for record July 11, 1916, and recorded July 11, 1916, in Charter Book 1, folio —, of the official records.

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ELMER E. LYON, Superintendent.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, The Methodists of Covington and community will please take notice of the services to be held at the church each month.

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Ladies Aid Society meets every second and fourth Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

All members are urged to attend the service and visitors are cordially welcome. J. M. BOYKIN, Pastor.

LUTHERAN SERVICES. Abita Springs, Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Bible Lectures for adults at 9 a. m., and regular evening services at 7:30 p. m. Both every Sunday excepting the fourth Sunday of each month.

Mandeville, second Sunday of each month at 11:00 a. m., in the Union church building. Bogalusa, fourth Sunday of each month, German at 10:00 a. m., and English at 7:00 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend our services. REV. O. W. LUECKE, Pastor.

SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH. There will be services at the Baptist Church, in Covington, the first and third Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. meeting at 7 p. m.

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