

THE FACTS IN THE RAILWAY WAGE TROUBLE THE EMPLOYEES—

Number—About 90,000.

Number that voted—75,734.

Number in favor of striking—Conductors, 11,808; trainmen, referring to brake and flag men, 60,829; total, 72,637.

Number opposed to striking—Conductors, 1,466; trainmen, 1,631; total, 3,077.

Their principal demand—Wage increase, averaging 20 per cent.

Organizations—The Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Classes of conductors and trainmen represented—All, including passenger, freight and yard workers.

THE RAILROADS—

Number—Forty-two.

Mileage—About 50,000.

Total gross annual income—\$957,190,000.

Annual payroll, conductors and trainmen—Approximately \$85,000,000.

Annual payroll, conductors and trainmen, if proposed increase should be granted—Approximately \$102,000,000.

Realm of operations—Eighteen states, including the New England group, the middle Atlantic group, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

The greatest system involved—The Pennsylvania lines, with a total mileage of 11,500 and gross income for the fiscal year 1911-12 of more than \$158,000,000.

The smallest road involved—The New Jersey and New York Railroad, with a total mileage of 45, a subsidiary of the Erie lines.

New York, July 12.—The Committee of One Thousand of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors today met to ratify the strike of their 90,

000 members on the forty-two Eastern railroads.

That the Committee of One Thousand will sanction the strike vote cast by 75,734 trainmen and conductors almost unanimously seems certain.

The only uncertainty in the matter now seems to be whether the committee will ratify the walk-out order today or tomorrow.

The chance for an eleventh hour offer of peaceful settlement from the railroads is barely possible.

The conference of the committee was convened in the Engineering Society's Building on West Thirty-ninth street. The morning's session was given over to careful and detailed consideration of the vote and the reports of the men in charge of the balloting.

The conductors and trainmen ask a twenty per cent increase in wages to meet a similar increase in the cost of living. The average wages now paid by the railroads are: Passenger conductors, \$1,767; passenger trainmen, \$1,027; freight conductors, \$1,313; freight trainmen, \$859.80; yard conductors, \$1,234.63; yard trainmen, \$1,042.



She missed her husband.