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Railroad Strikers Upheld by General Public Endorsement

Washington. — "It's no longer merely a strike, it is a scramble to get aboard the bandwagon of the railroad shopmen's victory," declared Fred Hewitt, editor of the Machinists' Journal, after surveying reports from Atlantic seaboard and southern territory, showing that the walkout is becoming a stampede away from the railroad jobs. Every official at strike headquarters was equally happy. They counted the biggest battle in the history of American railroad labor to be won.

"Organization, and the experience we have had in long term strikes on various roads since the A. R. U. strike of 1894," said P. J. Conlon, directing the machinists' end of the strike on all roads south of Washington, "have prepared us for this showdown with the roads. We were ready, and we were not going to be frightened by threats of the use of troops. We had only to stay off the job, and remind people that the troops cannot repair many locomotives. To-day this strike is complete in every quarter, and the managers are beginning to acknowledge that they must settle on a reasonable basis. Their autocracy has hit a snag."

Fairfield Harrison, president of the Southern Railroad, who is endeavoring to persuade his fellow railroad executives to settle with the shop unions is quoted as having declared that if the other roads refuse to settle, he then will be forced to make a settlement with his own employees.

"So far as the Southern is concerned," Harrison is reported to have confessed to a friend, "we were licked the day the men walked out."

It appears that for some day before July 1 the men in the Southern Railroad shops were employed in taking defective locomotives down, preparatory to repairs, and that the few men who stayed on the job or were recruited as strikebreakers have been unable to set them up again.

In Alexandria, Va., five local clergymen—Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Catholic—addressed a big meeting of strikers, urging them to stand fast for a living wage and honorable treatment. Business men in a separate meeting pledged themselves to give credit to strikers. Free shaves were offered strikers in certain barber shops.

Pastors of the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches at Bisbee, Ariz., joined the shop crafts' chairman in signing a handbill declaring the recent wage awards of the railroad labor board unjust.

"We would be glad to see the postmaster general get his mail trucks into action, and leave the railroad situation to be worked out between the men and the companies," said Conlon. "Drugging in the question of carrying of the mails merely confuses the issue. If M. Work can transfer all the mails to motor trucks and get along without the railroads, we hope he will do so. These trucks will not carry the commerce of the country."

THE ILLUSION OF WAR

By Richard Le Gallienne
War I abhor, and yet how sweet
The sound along the marching street
Of drums and fife, and I forget
Wet eyes of widows, and forget
Broken old mothers, and the whole
Dark butchery without a soul.

Without a soul, save this bright drink
Of heady music, sweet as hell;
And even my peace-abiding feet
Go marching with the marching street—
For yonder, yonder goes the fife,
And what care I for human life!

The tears fill my astonished eyes,
And my full heart is like to break;
And yet 'tis all embanhered lies,
A dream those little drummers make.

O, it is wickedness to clothe
Yon hideous grinning thing that stalks,
Hidden in music, like a queen,
That in a garden of glory walks,
Till good men love the thing they
loathe.

Art, thou hast many infamies,
But not an infamy like this—
Oh, snap the fife, and still the drum,
And show the monster as she is!

Llano's New Bridge Opens 120 Acres Timber Land

WORKERS COMPLETE BRIDGE AND SAW PATH TO FINE HARDWOOD FOREST CLOSE TO THE COLONY

The bridge over the Casto Creek is completed and hauling of timber from Llano's newest and nearest timber possessions is now under way.

Last year a deal was made for 120 acres of land, adjoining the Colony holdings on the east of the depot. This land lies across the Casto creek, and no way was open to get to the timber until a new bridge was built.

The colonists, with the aid of their tractors, cleared a road as far as the creek, hauling the beech and other logs to their sawmill, where big bridge timbers were sawed, and other necessary planks, etc., made.

The Colony tractors now make several trips each day to the woods and are hauling logs to the mill in regular procession, for the longest haul is not more than one mile from the mill.

The timber is all hardwood, consisting of beech, magnolia, gums, oaks,

much of it cut since last year and well-seasoned. This timber, when sawed up will be used for furniture, wagon work, potato-crates, and flooring.

Llano's potato crates have received a splendid welcome wherever they have been used, and many thousands are expected to be called for this year, and much of this lumber will be worked into crate material.

One hundred and twenty acres will provide a big stock of lumber, and the ground, when cleared and stumped, will make excellent farm land.

Few people can realize what a magnificent advantage it is to have such wonderful resources right at the door, and to be able to work it up so easily, thus giving the colonists the opportunity to get its raw materials with very little cost.

Several cabinet makers are on hand in the Colony, and it is hoped soon to begin the manufacture of kitchen cabinets, chairs, and other furniture, both for Colony use and for sale to our friends.

ANOTHER ENCOURAGING WEEK IN THE CIRCLE OF THE DOLLAR-UP-PEERS

The Peers mentioned are not the ordinary band of aristocratic peers, who merely inherit the title and carry it thru life whether they ever perform a single useful act for humanity or not. But these Peers are helping advance the cause of humanity. They have aligned themselves with a movement working for the solution of the complex problems, confronting the world. They are giving of their substance without thought of any material return. Some say the greatest return is the satisfaction of having done a worth-while deed.

Again several of the donors have paid for some time in advance and thus there is assured a creditable nucleus for the first part of the ensuing month.

Continuing the rhyme from last week:

One Peer and then another,
Numbered with the special donors;
Rushes in the Cheerful Green,
Just to aid—and claims no honors!
The Servant of the Dollar-Up-Peers.

Llano Personals

Mrs. Otto Fischer and two sons arrived last week from Montana. Otto has been here for several weeks, having come in advance in order to have things in readiness for the rest of the family. Mrs. Fischer has attached herself to the laundry force and the two little boys are in school.

The Goldman family also came in last week from Canada. Mr. Goldman spent some time with us last winter and says he has not had a contented moment since leaving here. But now that he is back and has his wife and two husky boys with him, he is all smiles and is making preparations to settle down for life.

Mrs. Fred West and daughter, Flora Belle, of Jennings, La., are here for a visit with relatives. This is Mrs. West's third trip to Llano and she seems to like it better every time. The Wests are planning to take up their residence at the Colony permanently in the near future.

Ed. Merrill and family left last Monday for Oakland, Calif., where they will remain the rest of the summer. The trip is being made for the benefit of Mrs. Merrill's health, and it is their intention to return in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Babb and son, Bennett, left this week on an extended auto trip through Arkansas and Missouri. They will visit relatives while away and also attend to some business affairs which required the personal attention of Mr. Babb.

Miss Lottie Braun arrived last week from New York and will remain in the Colony for a lengthy visit. Miss Braun was a member of the Colony before, both in California and Louisiana. She is a general favorite and received a hearty welcome on her arrival.

Bob Kling and Vernon Boyce went to the Colony rice farm, near Elton, La., last Sunday, where they relieved Hinkley and Siemens, who have been operating the pumping plant for some time past. Siemens left Friday for Canada. He will remain there until October, when he will return to Llano to stay.

GRAPES GROW WELL

Mr. S. E. Weldon, who lives about six miles southeast from town, came in last Friday with some fine grapes that he readily disposed of at 15 cents a pound. He said that he had a thousand pounds on just a few vines of the kind he was selling, besides other varieties, and yet you will hear some say grapes will not do well here. It's all in the knowing how.

Physicians are lucky! Their successes shine in the twilight and the earth covers their failures.—Montaigne.

The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, July 12. — What a difference is life here from what I lived "outside" last week! Last night the card party I had to shun in order to catch up my work. Also a party by the young folks had to be dodged for the same reason. Both very pleasant affairs to me and doubly so when I remember last week—if I wished any amusement it had to be got at so much per. Free movies? I should say not! Free concerts and music—well not so you could find it. Everything called for cash out there. Now while writing in come three of the boys with a big bowl of ice cream for me to devour, and it was given free by that gang of young folks next door at the party, who know that my scoldings are for their good and that my greatest joy is in their good times. Yes, life is worth living here among these kiddies and the older comrades that have hearts that understand. Colony life for "yours truly" always. This has been a dandy day, furnishing us with two nice showers of rain that will make our crops grow. Comrade Lindsey and I drove out to the Lamb place and found the corn in excellent condition for ensilage, and in a couple of days we will probably start to fill the big silo at the dairy. Having been gone a week it was a pleasure to go over the garden and some of the farm to observe the fine condition they are all in; and now Mr. Rainmaker helps us again. C. Anderson, Jones, Darth, Buhe and Landrum are finishing the hoeing of the cane, while Waters and Van are also cultivating. The bridge builders are about to finish the new bridge across Casto Creek and then close-in log hauling will fall to the tractor operators. Comrade Isaac Fell is now visiting us, and to-day is sending out literature to relatives and friends in an endeavor to interest them in what we are doing. The brick crew is now filling another kiln for burning. We will soon have to start the mud eater to work in order to get out brick enough to supply our trade and our own building operations. The wood workers are making shingles and lumber for building purposes and getting out material for crates. One could say this is our busiest time of the year, but I don't know when there is such a thing as a slack time, as we always have so much to do. Band practice is the usual order of this evening and the band members worked true to form as usual.

Thursday, July 13. — One of the greatest obstacles to progress in any forward movement is the individual who must either rule or ruin. He usually has a fixed idea just what must be done and if it isn't done exactly as he says—well, then it must be killed. Yes, we have had him (and her, too) at the Colony. Usually they have nothing to invest to back their idea; they usually want to do it at other people's expense, and when others refuse to have the operation performed, why, of course, the Colony is no good; our brand of co-operation is at fault. I don't say these people are not sincere because most of them are; but an insane man who is sincere can kill you just as dead as a sane man can. Co-operation does not run on those lines. When you come here be assured that all your ideas will not be put into effect at once. There are other people on the "bench" and other people here with ideas. Also, eight years of experience in complete co-operation has taught us some very fine lessons. So, when you come to the Colony be patient, learn what we are doing and why and in due time your ideas will get their chance—if they are right. Sometimes greed causes great trouble. At one time we had a man to come to join us whose daily talk was a scheme to defraud every non-resident stockholder of the company. He had not a cent invested, but continually tried to induce the people to do a dishonest capitalistic trick—for gain. He was expelled from our midst and is now a signer of a tirade against us for being dishonest! "The Tragedy Circular" has visited many of you and we have that your confidence in people who are giving their entire time to the movement was enough to have you write to us if you wanted an explanation. All the signers of this circular ride in the same boat—never had a cent invested here at any time. Well, what is the use to tell more? We are too busy here to cast stones and our work tells for itself. To-day Sid Merle and Jacques started felling logs on a neighbor's farm. We are to get timber for converting his logs into lumber. Busick and Dan Cryer are hauling the logs with a six-mule team. The old cat has become active and what do you suppose she dragged in to-day—uh-hu, it was Lottie Brown. Were we glad to see her? Well, I say so, and she was just as pleased to see us and get back.

COMRADE THEO. F. CUNO CAMPAIGNING IN SAN DIEGO

From a copy of the San Diego Labor Leader we learn that Comrade Cuno is everlastingly boosting Llano Colony. Many thanks to you, old scout. Keeping everlastingly at it brings success.

LLANO'S DAIRY

At the Agricultural meeting at New Llano on Friday evening, July 14, Comrade Baldwin, the manager of the dairy gave an interesting talk on that department of the colony's industries. The colony now has eighty-six head of cows and calves, and is milking some thirty cows, getting just enough milk to provide the colony's needs. The number of milk cows will be increased just as fast as the Holstein calves grow into maturity. In the course of time the colony expects to have a separate herd range stock, as there is grazing for at least four hundred on colony land.

The making of butter and cheese will have to wait upon the natural increase of the dairy herd unless the financial support from outside members will enable an earlier increase by purchase.

Comrade Baldwin emphasized the necessity of kindness in the handling of milk cows. The flow of milk is very much influenced by the character of the treatment cows are subjected to. Regular and adequate feeding was also stated to be very important. The cow is a manufacturing organism and unless supplied with the necessary raw material in the form of a well-balanced diet cannot turn out the finished product of milk and butter fat. Thus the importance of proper feeding runs thru every plane of life from the lowest type of vegetation up to the highest specimen of mankind.

The writer had some practical experience in the dairy business in three states, in New York, Connecticut and Colorado but it is over thirty-four years ago that he milked a cow. Since that time wonderful improvements have been made in the dairy business, nevertheless, proper feeding, cleanliness and kindness were already recognized as prime requisites in this industry at that time.

Hog raising will be the subject at the next regular agriculture meeting.

LLANO HAS ONE OFFER TO PROVIDE RAILROAD

One comrade has heard the call for a railroad for Llano and he promises that, contingent upon his good luck, he will outfit a complete railway for Llano.

Now, who's next with an offer for that telephone outfit?

BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL FOREST PICTURES

Thru the courtesy of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the colonists and neighbors enjoyed hugely two beautiful films of the Santa Fe National Forest Reserve on the night of July 15. The Juvenile Orchestra began the performance with splendid music. In addition to the forest films, pictures were shown of the method of culling unprofitable hens from the flock, most properly to be performed in the months of August and September. The distance between the pubic bones of a good laying hen should be no less than the width of three good-sized fingers. When only two fingers wide it indicates an unprofitable hen, so far as egg production is concerned. Another good indication is a good-sized vent which is soft and moist, while the vent of a poor layer is small, contracted and dry.

Oh boy, these mountain pictures made this writer just home-sick for the mountains. He spent some thirteen years knocking around in the Rockies and Sierras and the call of the wild at times becomes almost overwhelming. The wilderness is kinder to the individual than the haunts and institutions of men.

IDEAL WEATHER IN LOUISIANA HIGHLANDS

Who would wish for finer summer weather than Vernon Parish has been favored with during the month of July? People by the thousands are leaving their homes in the North and Middle West and are going to the seashore, lakes or the mountains in search of just such ideal weather conditions as we are having here. With a maximum of 93 and a minimum of 69 for the past week, and with the nice little showers occurring just often enough to keep the air fresh and cool, our summer weather will compare favorably with that of any summer resort in the whole country. And the best part of it is that the weather prophet says these conditions are to continue.

Temperatures for the week ending July 15th, inclusive:
July 11—max. 93, min. 73
July 12—max. 87, min. 72
July 13—max. 92, min. 69
July 14—max. 89, min. 69
July 15—max. 90, min. 70
July 16—max. 92, min. 71

The barometer conditions for the week indicate generally fair weather, but with the probability of scattered thunder showers. The temperatures will be near or somewhat above normal.—W. A. Dougherty, U. S. Weather Observer, New Llano Station.

LLANO DOLLAR-UP CLUB FOR JULY

Mat Sunnen	\$5.00
Frank Gayer	\$1.00
Morris Rapaport	\$2.00
Napoleon Hill	\$1.00
Dr. Robert K. Williams	\$1.00
Mrs. Robt. K. Williams	\$1.00
Mrs. Minnie E. Pickett	\$1.00
D. Henderson Howell	\$1.00
V. C. Clowe	\$1.00
Miss E. M. Van Schoick	\$1.00
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F. J. West	\$1.00
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