
Talking of Boycott: The Pullman Trouble Before the Convention

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Chicago, June 15 [1894].— In the convention of the American Railway Union today resolutions were introduced declaring that Lyman J. Gage, President of the First National Bank, had insulted two lady members of the Pullman Relief Fund Committee and demanding that the funds be removed from the First National.

A committee was appointed to investigate the charge.

It was decided to take no action on the coal miners' strike, owing to the lack of organization on the roads where the coal is principally carried.

The convention then went into executive committee [executive session] to consider the Pullman strike.

“The time has come for a fight to a finish,” said President Debs, “between the Pullman Company and the American Railroad Union.”

He suggested that a committee of 12 be appointed to wait upon the officials at the Pullman Company and demand a settlement or arbitration.

“Then, if they refuse, an order for a general boycott of the company's cars can be issued,” said Debs.

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