

## Electric Railway Journal – December 1910

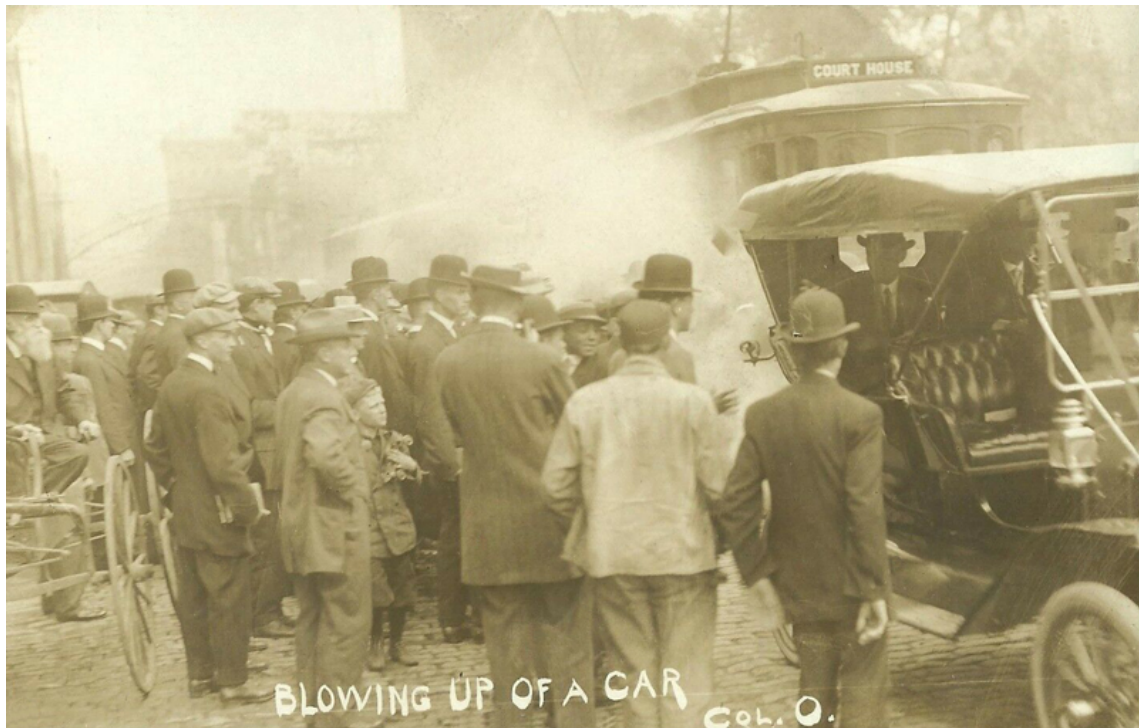
The Columbus Railway Power & Light employee strike of 1910 lasted three months. What started out as a peaceful exercise of employee's right to strike for better wages and work conditions turned violent. The Governor had to call out the National Guard to protect the CRP&L Co. property from dynamite, stone throwing, track damage, mob riots and other vandalism.

Research has determined that the vast majority of the strikers were not involved nor the instigators of all the vandalism.

The article from the Electric Railway Journal below describes the apprehension of two people involved in dynamiting the streetcars.

**Columbus Dynamiter Apprehended.**—Alfred N. Strader, who is accused of perpetrating dynamite outrages during the strike of the employees of the Columbus Railway & Light Company, Columbus, Ohio, was arrested at Princeton, W. Va., on Nov. 17, 1910. Strader was arraigned in court on Nov. 21, 1910, and held in default of \$8,000 bail to appear for hearing on Dec. 7, 1910. Immediately after Strader's arrest it was reported that half a dozen other men who feared that they would be connected with the dynamiting outrages had left Columbus. On Nov. 22, 1910, Charles Davis, a switchman on the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad, was arrested on the charge of complicity in the

dynamiting. Witnesses for the defense in the trial of George W. Brady, alias Gerald O'Leary, charged with shooting and wounding two women and a girl during the strike, were examined on Nov. 22, 1910. Harrison Christ and Ernest Hameter were acquitted on Nov. 22, 1910, of the charge of stoning cars. These are the first acquittals secured in these cases.



A stick of dynamite placed near the streetcar truck would typically break the truck castings and splinter the wood.



The Westerville car derailed and stoned by a mob.