TELEPHONE MERGER MAY BE DISSOLVED

Government Aims Blow at Bell System.

COMPANIES DEFENDANTS

Complaint Suggests Receiver Be Appointed.

DEFENSE PLEA ANTICIPATED

"Natural Monopoly" Likely to Be Excuse Offered by Attorneys for Alleged Trust - Restoration of Competition Sought.

in equity was brought in the United succeeded in arousing strong sentiment States District Court for Oregon yes- against Burleson in the Senate. terday under the Sherman anti-trust law by the filing of a bill of complaint against that company and 39 other de-The defendants comprise companies in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, and include the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, the McMinnville Local & ing Distance Telephone Company, the Lebanon Mutual Telephone Company, and the Washington County Telephone Company, all of which are incorporated under the laws of Oregon.

The suit was begun at the direction Attorney-General McReynolds by Clarence L. Reams, United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, who alty for short weight. be assisted by Constantine J. Smyth, special assistant to the Attor-

Bell System Attacked.

The 39 companies named in the complaint, with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, are designated as the "Bell" companies, and the present suit is the first that have ever been brought against any of the several al-States. Although the present case has a direct bearing only on the companies named in the complaint, a victory for the Government will have a Nationwide significance, and would virtually force other combinations of a like character to dissolve without litigation.

The Government asks that the defendants be required, subject to the at 10 A. M. approval of the court, to dispose of the stocks, bonds and physical property, alphone companies as stockholders or

Government Wants Competition.

The Government also asks that so proper organization of the Commission. far as practicable competitive conditions be re-established as they were prior to the acquisitions of competing HIGHEST TEMPERATURE 84 companies by the Bell companies, and that the Bell companies and everyone End of Hot Spell Predicted for Today connected with them be perpetually enjoined from ever after acquiring any interest of any nature in the companies that have been restored to their in dependent standing by the dissolution

The complaint suggests that if the sky clouded up it was unusually sultry. One interesting case is that of two session of Congress, court should be of the opinion that the the maximum temperature for the day little brothers whose mother is a The President has in mind a legislapublic interest would be better subserved thereby, that a receiver be appointed to take possession of the stocks. bonds and physical properties of the independent companies, and "dispose of may be necessary to bring about conditions in harmony with law."

Natural Monopoly to Be Plea.

The Government attorneys admit that they anticipate the defense of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and the other defendants will be that the telephone business is a natural monopoly.

"It may be a natural monopoly," said Mr. Constantine yesterday, "but that would not exempt it from liability under the Sherman anti-trust statute, and would furnish an excellent argument for Government ownership."

The complaint charges that the degendants are restraining trade and mmerce, and are not only attempting to monopolize, but are monopolizing trade and commerce. In this, the complaint maintains that they have been actuated by wrongful intent.

The conditions leading up to the conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce which is charged are described as follows by the complaint:

Service Then Efficient,

"Prior to 1905 the Bell companies owned and operated substantially all means of communication by telephone between the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

heir service at that time was inefficient and unsatisfactory. In consequence, local and long-distance independent companies were formed to compete with them. The business of the independent local companies at first was confined to cities and towns: later the independent long-distance tnes were joined through traffic arrangements with the local lines. In this manner the former were afforded numerous connections over which much business passed to and from them, whilst the latter were made a part of the long-distance systems whether interstate or intrastate. Thus all the independent lines were formed into interstate systems, of which there were three, herein described as the North (Concluded on Page 12.)

BOURNE OPPOSES POSTAL REFORMS

EX-SENATOR BEHIND ATTACK ON BURLESON.

Position Is That Postmaster-General Exceeded Authority in Making Parcel Changes.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, July 24 .- Ex-Senator Bourne is behind the attack lining made on Post master-General Burleson's order en-larging the scope of the parcel post. He has been busy on the floor of the Sen ate and in the Senate cloakrooms for the past four days, interviewing Sena tors and working up opposition to Burleson's reforms.

As an ex-member of the Senate Bourne has access to the floor of the Senate and to its cloakrooms, but this is the first time he has availed himself of the privilege since his term ex n Washington as chairman of the Pos tal Good Roads Commission and Rail-way Mail Commission and devoted his attention to these matters until the Postmaster-General sought to do away with parcels post stamps and proposed to increase the weight of packages that may be sent by parcel post in the first two zones and also ordered adminisration changes.

Bourne takes the position that the Postmaster-General assumed authority that rests only in Congress and it was To "unscramble the eggs" that the at his suggestion that the Senate post-American Telephone & Telegraph Com- office committee undertook to call a pany has gathered into one nest, suit halt on the Postmaster-General. He has

WEIGHING OF ICE PROBABLE City Commissioner Brewster to War

on Short Weights.

War is to be declared on the ice man who fails to weigh ice before delivery. City Commissioner Browster, who has charge of the department forthe scaling of weights and measures, announced yesterday that he will prepare at once an ordinance requiring the weighing of ice and providing a pen-

Many complaints have been received by Sealer of Weights and Measures ney-General, who is in Portland for Jones about ice men refusing to weigh holiday that is being arranged for their ice before making delivery. It them by the kind-hearted people who is said that 10 cents' worth of ice means almost anything from pounds to 20 pounds.

FAIR COMMISSION TO MEET tion

leged "telephone trusts" in the United Chairman Booth Calls Conference to Be Held at Salem.

> EUGENE, Or., July 24 .- (Special -- R. A. Booth, temporary chairman of the sion, has issued a call for the first meeting of the Commission to be held late in the afternoon, not even stopping at the State House, Salem, tomorrow

The Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House— Weidler, Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd and Miss leged to be illegally acquired, to per- Senate and the Speaker of the Housethe committee authorized by the Legislature to select the Commission-will attend the meeting to offer suggestions and information necessary for the

With Showers Duc.

The high-water mark temperature youngsters playing in a basement and dropped one more degree yeaterday, when he asked if they would like to own, it became known today, but he are alonged on the afternoon when the go to the country they were overjoyed, will not broach it until the December day and Tuesday, it was 90 degrees. "Showers and cooler; southwesterly must stay with the mother. winds," is the forecast

HAPPY KIDDIES GET CLOTHER OR TRIP

Silverton Outing.

Youngsters Are in State of Happy Anticipation.

pired March 4. He has been at work JUNIOR LEAGUE GIRLS BUSY

Friends of Poor Youngsters Miss Lunch but Provide Tiny Wards With Food and Lemonade. Party Leaves Saturday.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FRESH AIR

FUND,	
Previously reported	\$186.70
Cash	5.00
A friend J. W. Newkirk.	6.00
J. W. Newkirk	10.00
W. B. Fechheimer	12.00
George M. Strong	5.00
C. C. Chapman	15.00
Dr. Edward J. Labbe	10.00
E. C. Shevlin	
Mrs. Frances E. Stambaugh.	5.00
Edward Holman	20.00
Guy W. Talbot	20,00
Joseph Simon	10.00
Mrs. S. Frances Moore Mrs. Prench	5.00
	3.00

to V. R. Manning, at 411 Commercial block Fifty happy boys and girls took pos Charities yesterday-50 little people with anticipation for the

Howard at Ladd & Tilton Bank of

of children were received by a committee from the Junior League who have undertaken to outfit the youngsters BOISE BRANCH DISCUSSED Many of the mothers accompanied the smaller fellows and halped in the trying-on of waists, shoes, dresses and

have started the fresh-air fund. The

jackets that had been provided by the girls of the league.

Food and Lemonade Provided. Miss Hazel Dolph and her for lunch, but they did not forget to provide for the little people and there was a generous supply of sandwiches Dolph.

As there were not enough clothes to go round the committee will be glad to receive any clean garments and children's shoes this morning at the Associated Charities rooms. Epecially is underwear needed and they ask that it be mended if there are any little rips or tours, as the mothers have to work and have but little time for sewing.

Youngsters Are Happy.

Secretary Manning, of the association, found one family of three little

and generally over Washington and rounding territory is shown in that until the tariff and the currency are (Concluded on Page 12)

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LAZY HUSBAND SENTENCED

Tacoma Wife to Draw Pay as Spouse Labors for State.

5438 South Thompson avenue, is the first Tacoman convicted under the new that he asked Governor Ferris for "lazy husband" law. Mathis was sentenced today to six months at labor, during which time he will work under the direction of the County Commissioners. The court ordered that \$1.50 out of his daily wages be turned over to Mrs. Mathis.

Mathis made no effort to refute his wife's testimony. In case he is found guilty of a misdemeanor in the course of his sentence he will be placed in close confinement.

Mohler and Sproule Plan to Meet Western Pacific Competition.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 .- At plans for building a branch line from the deputies. some point on the Central Pacific to Boise, Idaho, and line and service of the Southern and Union Pacific sys-

The line to Boise is planned to meet from Winnemucca, Nev., which the under contemplation for some time.

WILSON HAS PLAN OF OWN taken to hospitals. New Statutes Defining Monopolies to Be Broached Later On.

WASHINGTON, July 24 .- President

was only \$4 degrees. Wednesday's widow and "goes out washing." She is tive programme which does not necesmaximum was 85 degrees. On Mon- afraid to stay all alone at night and so sarily involve an amendment of the both boys cannot go on the outing-one Sherman anti-trust law, but is said to The splendid spirit of the citizens of ing monopolies. The President has de. properties beyond that absolutely the same or take such other action as Thunder storms are predicted for Idaho Silverton and of the farmers in the sur- clined, however, to discuss his ideas

PENINSULA MINES

Silverton Outing Demestic.

Republican teriff amendments rejected by party oter Page 2.

Silverton Outing Demestic.

Michigan Copper Situation Menacing

SHUTDOWN IS COMPLETE

cration Against Violence-Troops on Way Include Artillery and Cavalry

orders of the Western Federation of Miners against violence, many of the 15,000 striking miners of the copper belt created disturbances today and troops have been ordered out. By to- is in the hands of the northerners. morrow night there will be nearly 2400 state soldiers, including cavalry and artillery, in the mining fields of the upper peninsula of Michigan.

There were no concerted attacks or nine property or persons about the TACOMA, Wash., July 24 .- (Special.) mines, but several persons were in--Leuis Mathis, a carpenter living at jured in sporadic riots. So menacing did the situation appear to Sheriff Crune militia early in the day. The Gov-City he was inclined at first to think dercrook to rush soldiers to the strike

> Shrapnel to Be Supplied. militia.

in various parts of the mining country, to the agent. the chief disturbance that set the troops in motion was an assault or deputy sheriffs stationed at the mines HEALTHY ONLY MAY WED conference today between President of the Calumet & Hecla Company to Mohler, of the Union Pacific, and President protect property. None of the mines Marriage of Those Unsound in Body dent Sproule, of the Southern Pacific, has attempted to operate, but the strikmain objects for discussion were trs seemed to object to the presence of

About 300 strikers armed with stee not offer much resistance, as the with transmissible diseases. Western Pacific is known to have had strikers outnumbered them, but there The new law prohibits the issuance

Auxiliary Plants Surrounded.

The strikers then surrounded all the surface plants of the Calumet & Hecla Company and forced suspension of auxiliary operations in these plants. The machine shops, foundries and other similar industries were closed before the onset of the miners. ompany managers asserted that these shops would have been closed later anyway, as there was little for them

No effort was made to operate any of the mines or to work The stamp mills were not molested,

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CITY DWELLERS FOR WHOM PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS HAVE PLANNED OUTING IN THE COUNTRY

CHINESE REBELS RECEIVE SETBACK

GOVERNMENT TROOPS AT AR-SENAL TAKE OFFENSIVE.

Looting Begins at Shanghai and Foreigners Are Wounded by Stray Shots and Shells,

SHANGHAL July 25 .- (2 A. M.) -- In the last 24 hours rebels have made series of spirited attacks on the aracnat, but all of them have been suc roops are so encouraged at their continued success that they have assumed the offensive and are forcing the rebels back on Nantao, a southern suburb of

the Chinese native city. Admiral Tseng formally has warned the Nantao Chamber of Commerce that unless the rebels disperse he will bombard their position and the forts at the mouth of the river, which also are in the hands of the southerners.

LONDON July 25 - A Shanghal dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says: Looting has been begun in the city and the residents are fleeing. Many fires were caused by bursting shells and several foreigners wounded by stray

Shanghal is so full of refugees from Nanking and Kiu Kiang that the pee ple are sleeping in the street. A boat CALUMET, Mich., July 24,-Violating by the gunboat fire. The northerners have occupied a rebel fort near the arsenal.

of St. Petersburg report that Nanking tee.

GOOD JOBS ARE SPURNED Idle Men Who Refuse to Work Are Chased From Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 24. - Mayor Nye's order to the police to assist the unemployed in Minneapolls to obtain ernor was on his way to Alpena and work, and that those who refused jobs when the request reached him at Bay when offered be forced to leave town or face workhouse sentences, had the that the Sheriff was unduly alarmed, effect today of thinning the ranks of Later reports, however, convinced the idle men. Large numbers were shipped Governor that armed help was needed to railroad work in the Northwest. and he ordered Adjutant-General Can- while hundreds who were not satisfied with the positions offered left the city to escape arrest.

One labor agent reported to the po-A plentiful supply of ammunition like that he offered jobs, without fees, and two field guns with shrapnel will to 200 men at \$2.50 for nine hours' work. arrive tomorrow for the use of the The most of them refused, he said. They declared they would wait until While there were several outbreaks higher wages were offered, according

or Mind Illegal in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 24,-A step drills, clubs and stones and a few with toward bringing about so-called health the essentials of the bill. These amendchanges occasioned by the separation firearms, which they fired in the air, marriages in Pennsylvania was taken ments, framed by Representative Henry marched to the No. 2 Conglomerate today when Governor Tener signed the and Representative Ragsdale, represent shaft and stripped the deputies of stars bill requiring all applicants for mar- the sentiment of the so-called "insurand repeated the performance at the riage licenses to set forth in the apthe competition of a similar branch Hecla branch mine. The deputies could plications that they are not afflicted tion, and provide for currency issued

were many fights after the stars had of marriage licenses to any person who been collected and several persons were is an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound beaten severely. A few men were mind, or to any person who has been an inmate of any county asylum or home for degenerate persons until it appears that the cause has been removed, and the applicant is able to

OLD FAIR STOCK TURNS UP

Columbian Exposition Securities Listed in Will of Illinois Man.

Shares in the World's Columbian Exposition Company, which managed any of the the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, are listed as spart of the estate of Nicholas J. Grenning, who died in Portland, September 29, 1912, and who was buried in Lamont, Ill.

> the Columbian Exposition Company, a single vote was taken on an amendvalued at \$10 each.

Ray Seeks to Enjoin Garrison From

Promoting Others Over His Head. Seecher B. Ray, of the Army Pay Corps,

certifying to the President for promotion any other officer who would thus be jumped over him. Attorney-General McReynolds recently held that the President was not

tigated charges of Ray's alleged politi.

BEES TAKEN FOR VACATION

Hood River Swarms to Have Summer Diet of Fireweeds.

cial,)--W. W. Dakin, who owns the hold bank stock. largest apiary here, left resterday for above Parkdale. Mr. Dakin was accom- in the Federal reserve banks from 60 panied by two score hives of his bees, days, as at present proposed by the which will be carried to the mountain Glass bill, to 120 days and would inwildness for the Summer to gather clude in the rediscountable paper farm

State Fuir this year, said Mr. Dakin, than 60 days.

The amendments would provide for

DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON CURRENCY BILL

Storm and Bitterness Mark Conference.

INSURGENT PLAN PRESENTED

Recognition of Warehouse Receipts Demanded.

WILSON MUCH CONCERNED

As Prospect for Agreement on Measure Becomes Vague, President Has Long Interview With Opposition Leaders.

WASHINGTON, July 24 .- The Administration currency bill became today the center of chaos in the conference of Democratic members of the Dispatches from Shanghai by way House banking and currency commit-

After a stormy session the conference broke up tonight with an interminable vista of opposition, and discussion opened up and the prospects of an agreement on the bill apparently reduced to a vague and shadowy hope.

Even Chairman Glass, champion of the bill on the House side, was about ready to abandon the idea of getting his colleagues together. President Wilson regarded the situation as so serious that he asked for a conference at the White House tonight with Representative Henry, of Texas, chairman of the House rules committee, who has been advising with the "insurgent" committeemen. The interview lasted until well into the night.

Stormy Conference Held.

The conference of the committee was turbulent from the outset. After reopening the discussion of the fundaental feature of the bill-Government control through the broad powers of the proposed Federal reserve board-Representative Bulkley, of Ohio, held the floor for an hour in a discussion of President Wilson's attitude toward the bill.

It became apparent that the proposal to keep this board a strictly Government institution, urged by President lison as one of point of wide disagreement. Then Representative Ragsdale presented a set of amendments practically rewriting gent Democrats" on the currency queson warehouse recepits for cotton, corn and wheat.

Extended Fight Threatened. Henry and Ragsdale announced their

intention of fighting for the amendments, not only in the conference of committee Democrats, but in the full committee, the Demogratic caucus and possibly on the floor of the House. President Wilson's recently published political work, "The New Freedom," furnished the text of Representative Bulkeley's discussion. Mr. Bulkeley quoted from the President's work passages,

which, he said, showed that when the

book was written President Wilson was

opposed to the idea of placing vast governmental responsibility in the hands of restricted bodies which in any way might be controlled or influenced by financial or industrial interests.

Controversy Is Bitter. Representative Korbly, of Indiana, replied at length to Mr. Bulkeley, and The final accounting of the estate. Chairman Glass himself took a hand which goes to the widow, was made at in the discussion, which became bitter. the Courthouse yesterday and part of This controversy continued during the the property listed was two shares in greater part of the meeting and not ment or a step made in the direction The Columbian Exposition was held of agreeing to any of the features of the bill.

In a statement accompanying the amendments, Representative Henry MAJOR APPEALS TO COURT officised the Glass bill as "written wholly in the interests of the creditor

"If large business and the bankers," said the statement, "are determined to force the Government Into a partner-WASHINGTON, July 21. - Major ship with the banks, then I insist that we so amend and round out the Glassapplied today to the District Supreme Owen bill as to permit the farmer and Court to enjoin Secretary Garrison from | wage-carner to come into the scheme on the same terms."

Furmer and Laborer Included. With this theory as a basis, the "in-

surgent" amendments would begin by compelled to promote Ray, although he reforming the proposed Federal reserve is in line under the seniority rule. A board. They would authorize a board of nine members, including the Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of Agriculture and the Controller of the Currency and six members appoint. ed by the President. One of these would be a "person experienced in banking and general business;" one a "bona fide representative of industrial labor," and one a "bona fide representative of agriculture." cept for the banking member HOOD RIVER. Or, July 24 .- (Spe- the board, all would be forbidden to

The amendments would increase the vacation in the forest reserves maturity term of paper rediscountable ioney from fireweed in the burned-over loan mortgages. They would provide that not more than 50 per cent of the *"I am going to try for some of the paper rediscountable to a depositing prizes that are to be offered at the bank should have a maturity of more

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