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Keen, Continuous, Even Bitter, Competition Declared to Prevail in Telegraphy.

BURLESON IS CRITICISED

Cost of Government Acquisition of Telegraphs Estimated at Two Billions, and "Joke" Service Is Predicted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Mackay Companies, today declared that Postmaster-General Burleson, in his report that the government take over telephone and telegraph lines, is mistaken so far as is concerned his idea that telephone companies are subject to the post road act of Congress of 1866.

"The Supreme Court of the United States in the Richmond case (174 U. S. 281) held that they are not subject to that act," declared Mr. Mackay.

"In denouncing the telegraph business as being monopolistic in nature Mr. Burleson is also mistaken. If there ever has been more continuous, keen, even bitter competition than that between the Postal and Western Union telegraph companies, I will be pleased to know when and where."

Cost Would Be Two Billions.

The money question, however, is the main question, and \$900,000,000 would not be a "look-in." The Bell telephone companies alone would demand more than that. Then there are the thousands of independent telephone companies and farm lines scattered all over the country.

The entire bill, including telegraph lines, would be about \$2,000,000,000, which is about two-thirds of the National debt, at the close of the Civil War, and which caused many intelligent men to despair of the solvency of the republic.

"Nor is this the worst. Judging from the past experience which was summed up by the government under Government management the operating expenses year by year would exceed the income. The following figures are taken from a report of the Postmaster at Great Britain, showing results of government ownership of telegraph in that country:

Year	Receipts	Operating Expenses	Operating Loss
1905	\$115,344,549	\$22,574,125	\$92,770,424
1906	15,492,248	18,294,002	2,801,754
1910	15,330,940	17,547,915	2,216,975
1911	15,330,940	18,659,719	3,328,779
1912	15,747,420	18,982,059	3,234,639
Total loss—1905-1912	\$4,347,225	\$59,245,140	\$54,897,915
1913 (estimated)	\$5,081,821	\$11,191,000	\$6,109,179
1914 (estimated)	\$5,524,925	\$11,191,000	\$5,666,075

Complicated Western Arrangement.

"One of the worst complications that would arise would be in regard to the contracts between the companies and the railroads. England found this out when it took over the telegraph lines and then had to pay the railroads an enormous sum to get full control of the telegraph lines which were built on the railroads and in which the railroads had an interest, the same as in this country. The English railroads were not modest in their demands and the result was that a perfectly enormous and unexpected sum had to be paid by the government to the railroads to get rid of these contracts."

"As to service—Government service would be a joke as compared with present service. If you don't believe it, just try the government service—telegraph and telephone—in Europe."

EVIDENCE IS AWAITED

PANAMA GRANT CHARGES MAY TURN ON EUROPEAN REPORT.

Goethals Makes Formal Statement That No Irregularities Are Disclosed on Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Under instructions from Secretary Garrison, Major Rogers, chief purchasing agent of the Panama Canal Commission, was in conference today with the officials of the Department of Justice regarding the charges that John E. Burke, manager of the commissary department of the Panama Railroad, collected commissions on purchases made for the railroad. The special agents who have been investigating these charges in Europe, where some of the purchases were made, have reported and their evidence is believed to be essential to a complete consideration of the charges.

Secretary Garrison is awaiting a decision from Attorney-General McReynolds as to whether Burke is an employe of the Government before deciding on the course to be pursued.

PANAMA, Dec. 18.—Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama Canal, issued the following statement today in reference to the rumors in circulation concerning John Burke, manager of the canal commissary department, who is alleged to have received commissions from persons supplying the department:

"Certain allegations were made concerning the integrity of John Burke and an investigation on the Isthmus was immediately undertaken. A report was also made to Washington, with a request for investigation there of matters which could not be reached from here. I have not received any reply from Washington, but the investigations on the Isthmus have failed to disclose any irregularities."

CORVALLIS WANTS PAVING

Banker Opposes Further Expenditures Except for Permanent Work.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Protesting against the further expenditure of money for other than paved roads, A. J. Johnson, a local banker, at a Commercial Club meeting on good roads last night, outlined a plan for paving 104 miles of roadway radiating from Corvallis into the main sections of Benton County.

It was shown that in five years \$100,000 has been expended on road improvement in this county and that only gravel roads in medium condition is the result.

A change of plan, involving the construction of paved roads by the unit system was demanded and endorsed by the meeting. A move to raise a fund by Corvallis business men for the proper improvement of the Linn County east side road from Albany over the new Willamette steel bridge at Corvallis was started.

At least a small portion of the present levy by the County Court will be spent to provide a sample of paved road.

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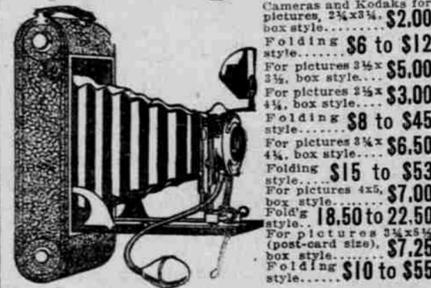
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