

GOVERNMENT MAN ASSIST UTILITIES

Plight of Many Public Service Concerns Is Admitted to Be Serious.

STREET RAILWAYS IN NEED

Secretary McAdoo Calls President's Attention to Grave Conditions Existing and Executive Urges Action for Relief.

Recognition by President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo, as Director-General of Railroads, of the seriousness of the situation confronting many of the public service corporations of the country...

As the result of correspondence between Secretary McAdoo and the President, based on memoranda furnished by a committee representing the public utility interests, the Federal Railroad Administration is expected to take a hand in regulating the rates and charges to be made by street railway, light, heat and power companies...

In submitting the plan, Secretary McAdoo sent the following letter to the President: "I beg to hand you herewith several memoranda and letters relating to street railway and other local public utilities furnishing light, heat and power, which I have asked to bring to your attention by a committee representing public utility interests."

Apprehension Is General. "These papers indicate the existence of genuine apprehension regarding the adequacy, under present conditions, of the services and rates of local public utilities. The view is expressed that increased wages and the high cost of essential materials and supplies have affected them as they have affected everybody else, and that united effort will be necessary in order to meet alike the public requirements for service and the corporate financial needs upon which that service depends."

"As Secretary of the Treasury, I must take notice of these matters. It is obvious that every part of our industrial and economic life should be maintained at its maximum strength in order that each may contribute in the fullest measure to the vigorous prosecution of the war. Our local public utilities must not be permitted to become weakened. The transportation of workers to and from our vital industries and the health and comfort of our citizens in their homes are dependent upon them, and the necessary power to drive machinery in these industries and many other industries essential to the war is produced by them."

Authorities Sometimes Slow. "It may be that here and there, because of the prominence given to less important interests, the necessary hand, state and local authorities do not always appreciate the close connection between the soundness and efficiency of these utilities and the National strength and vigor and do not resort with sufficient promptness to the call for remedial measures. In such cases, I am confident that state and local authorities will respond promptly to the National needs when the matter is fairly and properly brought before them."

"Our public service utilities are closely connected with and are an essential part of our preparations for and successful prosecution of the war, and the unfavorable tendencies which the accompanying papers reveal may most effectively be checked, wherever they may be found to exist, and the needed relief obtained only by prompt action on the part of the respective local authorities."

President Urges Action. President Wilson gave his approval to the plan and wrote Secretary McAdoo in part as follows: "I hope that state and local authorities, where they have not already done so, will, when the facts are properly laid before them, respond properly to the necessities of the situation."

"I shall be glad to have you communicate with the local authorities whenever the information in your possession suggests that such a course is desirable and in the National interest. It is not expected in any quarter that it will be the policy of the Government to lend money to any public service corporation to make up operating deficits. Indeed, the President urges the regulating bodies to adjust the rates of the existing utilities to meet the increased cost of operation and then, if the utility needs additional capital for investment—not to pay operating losses, but to be used for increasing its facilities—the President believes the United States may properly loan money for the purpose of increasing facilities."

Government Must Be Shown. "Neither is it believed that it will be the policy of the United States to lend money to any utility unless it can first be shown that the borrowing utility will be able to earn interest on the new money loaned by the Government. If any utility is unable to earn a return upon what it already has invested because of insufficient rates, it would not be good business for the Government to extend financial aid."

"Our hope," said Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, yesterday, "is that we may be placed in such a position by the regulating bodies in Oregon as to enable us to make an application to the Government for assistance with some prospect of securing it. But we cannot expect to secure this aid unless we can make a satisfactory showing to the Government that its loans would be safe."

BEGINNING TODAY

MARY MILES MINTER

BEAUTY AND THE ROGUE

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