

PHONE QUESTION TO BE TAKEN TO COURT

Attorney-General Will File Suit for Injunction.

HIGHER RATES PROTESTED

Action to Be Taken to Prevent Company Collecting Charges Held Unjust and Unlawful.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Injunction against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company will be sought by Attorney-General Brown in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County, to prevent its collecting the higher rates recently announced as effective today, according to a statement issued by Mr. Brown today.

The three Public Service Commissioners have asked the Attorney-General to take the case to court to prevent the company from imposing a greater local exchange service than that provided for in the old schedule.

The commission holds that the company, in filing its proposed schedule, has not taken the legal procedure necessary to make such rates effective. The Attorney-General said: "The commission has been proceeding upon the supposition that it is unlawful for any public utility within this state to demand, collect or receive a greater compensation for any service than the charge fixed by the lowest schedule of rates for the same service on the first day of January, 1911, unless a change in rates is ordered by the commission, as provided in section 77 of the public utilities law."

RATE INCREASE IS RESISTED

Company Finds Enforcement of New Schedule Difficult.

The attempt to enforce new and increased telephone rates yesterday brought difficulties. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company attempted to enforce the new schedule and patrons were instructed by city officials to refuse to pay the extra assessment asked.

Deputy Attorney Tomlinson, who is handling the legal proceedings against the company, received several complaints from patrons of the company. No answer to the charges made in the city's injunction suit was filed yesterday by the company. Eight days remain in which the company may answer the allegations. A hearing will then be held before Judge Tucker.

Company's Side Is Given.

W. J. Phillips, division commercial superintendent of the company in Portland, in presenting the company's side of the controversy last night, issued the following statement: "The Postmaster-General has directed the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to place in effect beginning November 15 the new rates of the Public Service Commission on November 4. No attempt has been made by the company to impose a schedule of rates upon the public without proper authority."

The schedule of rates filed with the Public Service Commission on November 4 was first submitted to and considered and approved by the Postmaster-General before being filed as a temporary schedule pending the standardization of telephone rates throughout the country.

The necessity for increased rates was made apparent at the investigation held by the Public Service Commission on November 6 as to the reason for the unsatisfactory telephone service furnished in this city. The city of Portland was represented at this hearing. The new rates then on file with the commission were explained and it was understood that they would become effective on November 15.

Increase Held Necessary.

"It was also made clear that the increase in rates was necessary in order to provide revenue to meet increases in the wages of the operators and other employees. The earnings of the system were shown and it was made clear that no further increases in wages could be made without operating at a deficit, which would fall on the Postoffice Department, as the system is now being operated by it."

"It was further shown that rate increases are not limited to Portland, but that they are general throughout Oregon and Washington and that corresponding increases in revenue are being brought about in California. These increases will provide means for increasing the wages of the operators and other employees, which we believe will bring the service back to its former standards."

All Necessities Increase.

"If the public will stop to think how the cost of the daily necessities of life has increased during the last few years, which cost falls on the employees of the system as they do on all others, and if they will realize that during this time no increases in telephone rates have been made, we think they will appreciate the reasonableness of an increase in telephone rates at this time in order that the telephone employees may receive further increases in wages to meet the present cost of living."

Following their suit against the company, city officials yesterday sent a telegram to Postmaster-General Bursell in protest against the action of the company.

"The company has proclaimed the increase without authority from the Public Service Commission and without the orderly procedure prescribed by the laws of the state," said the telegram. "The company bases its act on sanction of Government. It will be in violation of city contract and state laws. We urge that increases be delayed until authorized by proper legal procedure."

Comparison of the old and new rates show from 10 to 100 per cent increase. Adding of 25 cents charge for desk phones made up part of the increase, as few wall phones are being installed. The comparison that follows shows the desk rates:

Table with 3 columns: Business, Residence, and Extension. Rows include One-party, Two-party, Four-party, and Suburban rates.



Headquarters for Boys' Clothes

Look to the boys' health and comfort these rainy days. Clothe them in these good, dependable Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws. You will find here the largest stock, the greatest variety, the best patterns, the most thorough workmanship. I devote nearly an entire floor to boys' apparel. You are assured of being suited here, for this is, indeed, Portland headquarters for boys' clothes.

Boys' Two-Knicker Suits, 6 to 18 Years \$6.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$16.50, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25

Boys' and Childrens' Overcoats, \$6.50 to \$30 Boys' Fine Winter Mackinaws, \$6.50 to \$18

Everything a Boy Can Wear, Save Shoes Boys' Shop, Second Floor



My Store Will Remain Open Saturday Until 8 P. M.

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CROP OUTLOOK IS GOOD

EASTERN WASHINGTON FARMERS ARE ENCOURAGED.

Spokane Man Makes Survey of Conditions and Predicts Excellent Crops for Coming Season.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—"Eastern Washington has a wonderful outlook for crops for next year," said Robert A. Hopkins, a Spokane dealer in farm lands, on his return today from a motor trip through the Palouse country. "I covered 235 miles of road through the farming districts yesterday, and I have never seen the Fall wheat looking so good as it does this year. Rye and barley are equally promising. "Farmers are getting a lot of plowing done, which will be a big lift toward getting their crops in early next Spring. The open Fall has kept the pastures in splendid condition and the stock looks sleek and fat. No stock feeding has been done except among the workhorses and milch cows, for which the farmers are jubilant. "My trip took me through Oakesdale, Colfax, Pullman, Moscow, Joel and Cornwell, Idaho, so I had a good look at the farm situation. The highways were fair, but the cross-country roads were at places almost impassable."

BRITISH TONNAGE SHRINKS RESUME OF SHIPBUILDING DURING WAR IS PRESENTED.

Last Two Years Recorded Increase, Due to Victory Over German Submarines.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—(British wireless service.)—The Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, gave a resume of the merchant shipbuilding operations in Great Britain during the war. In 1913, he said, the record figure of 1,900,000 tons was reached. In 1914, when the war broke out, the output fell to 1,700,000 tons. In 1915 it decreased to 650,000 tons, in 1916 to about 540,000 tons and in 1917 rose to a little under 1,200,000. During the 12 months ended October 31, 1918, the total output approximated 1,600,000 tons. Explanation of these figures, he said, rested with the victory over Germany's submarines. Taking the whole from the inception of the convoy system in the Summer of 1917 to November 2, this year, the convoys included about 47,000,000 gross tons of merchant shipping and losses were less than 1.1 per cent. This great result had not been achieved without increasing the amount of labor devoted to admiralty construction.

When the war broke out England had about 250,000 men engaged in shipbuilding, engineering and repairs, according to the secretary's figures. The number now was 281,000. Of these, however, only 118,000 were engaged in merchant ship work. Building now had risen to the mark of nearly 145,000 tons per month, he said, and the net loss of shipping had been reduced to a negligible figure, the loss in September being less than 7000 tons.

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FOUR DAYS—STARTING TODAY

THE GRAND OPENING

The epidemic is over—the FLU is gone—the war is won—the LIBERTY is open.

And remember, when you visit the LIBERTY, you are inside of the Northwest's greatest playhouse, an institution where the air is ever changing, where every care is taken for your convenience and your comfort.

And the pictured entertainment of the future will be better than ever before, the greatest stars of the screen and the largest possible productions have been procured for you. While the music—our great Wurliizer organ, and Murtagh, Master musician—are without equal anywhere.

THE LIBERTY MANAGEMENT

11 O'CLOCK TODAY



Some folks say that Cupid shoots arrows of love, but Marguerite Clark claims he uses bolts of lightning, and they come from a clear sky.

Liberty News Review

"Tell it to the Marines," a satire in 2 reels, taken from James Montgomery Flagg's famous poster.

Liberty Community Chorus

MURTAGH—MASTER MUSICIAN AND OUR \$50,000 GIANT WURLITZER ORGAN

THOUSANDS NOW USING ANTI-FLU TREATMENT

New Solution Discovered by Georgia College Professor Designed to Kill Deadly "Flu" Germ—First Used It to Protect Own Family—Just a Few Drops Inhaled From Pocket Handkerchief Disinfects Nose and Throat.

AS announced in yesterday's papers, Wilson's Solution, the new preventive treatment for Spanish Influenza which has been used in checking the epidemic in the South, is now on sale in Portland, and will be given as rapid distribution as possible throughout the United States. The solution, or "Anti-Flu," as it is more commonly called, was discovered by Professor Robert C. Wilson, of Georgia College, in 1917, and has since that time been used by him and his family against the malady. The immunity of the Wilson family and their circle of friends, which followed the use of the solution, made it famous overnight. On account of his university connection and his high standing as an educator, the people of his home city began clamoring for it just as soon as it became known that he had perfected the formula. Leading physicians, specialists and bacteriologists give the preparation their unqualified indorsement and are recommending it to their patients. Although far more powerful than many other disinfectants now commonly used, it is non-poisonous, and the odor, although very pungent, is not unpleasant. A few drops of the solution inhaled from a pocket handkerchief at frequent intervals will disinfect the nose and throat. Professor Wilson strongly recommends spraying the nose and throat night and morning

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