

NEW PHONE RATES IN EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT

Schedule Held Up in 2 States by Restraining Orders.

FLORIDA DENIES REQUEST

Mr. Burleson Announces Toll and Long Distance Charges Over Country Will Be Equalized.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—New tolls and long distance telephone rates, approved by Postmaster-General Burleson, will become effective at midnight tonight except in those states where temporary restraining orders against the companies have been issued by the courts.

This announcement was made tonight by W. H. Lamar, solicitor of the Postoffice Department, and a member of the Federal wire control committee.

Mr. Lamar had said during the day that the rates would become effective despite efforts of state regulatory bodies to suspend or modify them. So far as the Postoffice Department had been advised, they said, the restraining orders have been issued in only two states—Indiana and Mississippi.

Mr. Lamar had not been informed that courts in Illinois had taken similar action.

The Federal Court at Pensacola, Fla., is the only court in the United States that has held full hearings and rendered a decision on an application for an injunction. Mr. Lamar said, and its decision today denied the restraining order. He added that the court at Lincoln, Neb., also has heard, but has not yet rendered a decision.

Under the new rates, as announced by Mr. Burleson, there will be a basic charge of 6 1/2 cents a mile for night service up to midnight, and one-fourth of the day rate between that hour and 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

The new charges were recommended in the first report of the committee on rate standardization and Mr. Burleson said the effect would be to equalize the toll and long distance charge over the country. In many instances, however, in certain localities will be increased and this fact led to efforts of some state regulatory bodies to prevent the new schedule from being put into effect.

Generally, however, there will be a reduction in rates, according to the Postmaster-General.

WIRE LINES RETURN SOUGHT

Oregon Public Service Commission Urges Private Control.

SALEM, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Prompt return of wire systems to their owners is demanded by the Oregon Public Service Commission in a telegram sent today to Charles E. Elmquist, president of the National Association of Railroad and Utility Commissioners, and Mr. Elmquist is authorized by the commission to appear for it before the committee hearing to make decided protest against retention of such lines under Federal control.

The commission asserts in its telegram that telegraph service in this section is in a deplorable condition; that Federal control has become ineffective through disregard of local conditions and requirements and rate making and signing of contracts guaranteeing returns to major phone companies and failing to accord the same consideration to minor utilities, and that since Federal control has been effective an attempt has been made to increase rates per subscriber station in this state from 25 to 100 per cent.

The commission says in its advice to Mr. Elmquist: "This is your authorization to appear for this commission before House committee on telegraph and postroads on Moon joint resolution 625 and present our emphatic protest against extending Federal control of wire systems. We are in favor of prompt return of lines to owners. Disregard of local conditions and requirements in rate making, disregard of local conditions and requirements in signing of contracts and failing to accord same consideration to minor utilities rendering like service, together with the uncertainty of responsibility, has operated to make Federal control ineffective.

"Since control an attempt has been made to increase rates per subscriber station in this state from 25 to 100 per cent. People generally are opposed to this increase. They threaten to discontinue use if increase is permitted. Toll rates recently prescribed in some instances decrease revenues by 25 per cent; with one small company \$4000 per annum. In other instances rates are doubled. Where loss of revenue occurs increased subscriber rates will be necessary, perhaps above the value of the service. New business is not available.

"Telegraph service in this section now is in a deplorable condition. Very unreliable. Our state is thinly settled and undeveloped. Conditions are vastly different than where systems cover densely populated and diversified country."

SHIPYARD STRIKE LOOMS

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would probably have continued without interruption. So far the unions have received no offers from the employers and say they will not make any offers to the employers. In a statement to the public today the press committee announced that the Tacoma strike is not a sympathetic strike, but one taken upon action based on a decision by the

unions on a referendum vote months ago.

Arrangements have been made by the unions to protect the shipyards against unnecessary loss, to care for machinery and guard against fire hazards.

GENERAL STRIKE IS ORDERED

All Work in Grays Harbor Shipyards Expected to Stop.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—All work at the Grays Harbor Motorship and Grant Smith-Porter shipyards and the Mattheus yard in Hoquiam and all work on outside contracts for those companies is expected to cease tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, the result of the strike started last week by the Metal Trade workers in objection to the Macy Board wage scale and for demands for a wage of \$1 an hour for skilled mechanics and \$6 a day for other labor.

The general strike was initiated yesterday at a meeting of the Central Labor Council, which adopted a motion placing the shipyards on the "unfair" list.

The last word in the decision of the workers for or against a general strike will be spoken tonight, when the local union of carpenters and joiners, comprising all union woodworkers in the city, will meet for discussion of the strike. Officers of the union state it is impossible to forecast what action may be taken.

At least 2500 men on Grays Harbor will be called out by the strike, it is estimated today. This includes those affiliated with the Metal Trades Council who are ready on strike.

Shipyard officials here, as on the Sound, are practically powerless in the matter, it is stated, wages being fixed by the shipbuilding labor adjustment board and contracts, it is pointed out, allowing no leeway. Shipyard officials would say nothing for fear of bringing the meeting of the Central Labor Council, held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, was the largest ever conducted by that body.

The Grays Harbor Motorship Corporation has six ships on the ways and six which have been launched and now being fitted out. The Grant Smith-Porter Company has four on the ways and two fitting out, while the Mattheus yard in Hoquiam has one on the ways and two in the water.

NO TROUBLE INDICATED HERE

Wooden Shipyards of Oregon District Drop 5200 Men.

Other than the strike at the yard of the St. Helena Shipbuilding Company, which has been on since a week, though some men are still at work, nothing yesterday indicated any trouble here.

Arthur W. Jones, assistant examiner in wood yards for the Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board, returned from Coos Bay and said that while the St. Helena Shipbuilding Company had ended the strike at its yard by signing up with the unions, the attitude of the union & Banks organization was that with contracts under way they did not feel as if they should decide on a closed shop.

A check made here shows that the wooden shipyards of the Oregon district have dropped a total of 5200 men since November 1 and the total number employed January 1 was 8475 men. Between January 1 and January 15 886 were men discharged by the combined plans, work having advanced so there was no longer any need for their services.

During the first half of November, 862 men were discharged and 287 were let go the last half of the month, while the first half of December 1475 were discharged and 498 the last half of the month. The number discharged to date exceeds an estimate January 1 by 125 men and no new men are being made as to the number of men to leave the yards during the coming 30 days. In the steel plants the total employed varies little at present.

GOVERNMENT GIVES AID

Sumpter Valley Railroad Deficit Will Be Met.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Railroad Administration finally agreed this evening to take care of the deficit sustained by the Sumpter Valley Railroad in meeting the demands of railroad workmen, which assures the resumption of train service. The details of the plans of meeting the railroad losses are yet to be worked out. Joseph N. Teal and Charles T. Early, of Portland, who, with Walter Meacham, of Baker, have been here representing the railroad, left tonight for home.

TIPS IN PUBLIC PLACES HIT

House Measure Prohibiting Practice Provides Fines for Violation.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Giving of tips is hit by a bill Representative Roman in the House today.

He would prohibit the practice by common carriers, hotels, restaurants, clubs or any other place where the public is given service, and proposes a fine from \$5 to \$50 for violation of the act.

EUROPEAN RELIEF STUDIED

Supreme Council of Supply and Relief Takes Up Question.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Further consideration of the problem of provisioning Europe was taken up by the supreme council of supply and relief after its members had returned from the armistice conference at Treves, the council announced today.

A permanent committee named by the council yesterday held its first meeting.

German Mines Supervised.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20.—The German government has issued a decree that until questions are legally settled as to the influence to be exercised by the government in the mining industry, and the participation of the community in the profits is adjusted, imperial commissioners will be appointed for some mining districts to supervise production and prices, says a Berlin dispatch.

J. C. Ford's Funeral Tomorrow.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—Arrangements were made here today to hold the funeral tomorrow of J. C. Ford, president of the Pacific Coast Company for 20 years. Mr. Ford died Saturday.

For colds, grippe, influenza, etc., Puloria Influenza Treatment is one of the most widely used remedies. It tends to reduce fever, allay congestion and rid the system of the irritating symptoms. Should be taken at the first sign of a cold. Box of 30 tablets 50c, at any drug store.—Adv.

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—They are all white and if folks do not need them for immediate wear they are a 'buy' for the coming season.

—With twenty styles to choose from, it is evident that this is an out-of-the-ordinary offering.

No Phone Orders—None on Approval No Exchanges on This Sale Third Floor

PENDLETON MAN CHOICE

W. L. THOMPSON TO BE NAMED ON COMMISSION.

Governor Announces He Is Highly Satisfied With Present Body and Will Reappoint.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—There will be no change in the personnel of the State Highway Commission. W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, whose term expires March 21, will be promptly reappointed.

This became definitely known today after vague rumors had sprung up about the Capitol to the effect that Thompson might be called upon to resign with the expiration of his term.

A query to the governor effectually dispelled these rumors. "I am highly satisfied with the State Highway Commission," declared the governor, "and I don't believe that its personnel could be improved upon. I shall reappoint Mr. Thompson at the expiration of his term."

Mr. Benson's term expires a year later, and the term of Mr. Booth a year later than that of Mr. Benson.

CONSOLIDATION WAY OPENS

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on this committee and I suggest that in the interest of harmony, I be allowed to resign."

Complete Withdrawal Asked. Every member urged Mr. Richardson to remain on the committee, even though he should not be named chairman. They all assured him there was no personal feeling in the matter whatever, although those who opposed his chairmanship candidacy said they did so in the belief that because of certain affiliations he might embarrass the committee.

Well gentlemen, if I embarrass you as chairman, I certainly would embarrass you as a member and for that reason I insist that you permit me to withdraw my name," was his retort.

Mr. Richardson declared that despite his severance of connections with the committee, he will continue to frame consolidation legislation which he believes should be enacted.

Committee to Organize Today.

Senator Thomas asserted that the fact that Mr. Richardson had been mentioned for the post of Assistant State Treasurer was sufficient for him to oppose his candidacy.

In reply Mr. Richardson declared that any report that he is taking a leading part in the consolidation programme on behalf of any public officials is an absolute falsehood. "My programme will attack some of the best friends I have in the state," he said.

After Mr. Richardson had given the members his final word that he would not serve longer on the committee, the House members who opposed his candidacy sought to have a chairman selected at the meeting today, but out of deference to Mr. Richardson's request that his successor be allowed to vote on the chairmanship, final organization of the joint committee was postponed until tomorrow.

Five Proposals Probable.

John Carlin, member of the consolidation commission appointed by the last Legislature, was here today from Medford. He stated the commission intended to put its programme before the joint consolidation committee, and that it would not come up in the form of bills to be introduced in either house

and from there referred to the committee.

"The report which was issued as coming from the commission was not the report of the commission and must not be confused as such," said Mr. Carlin, in discussing it. "That was the report of J. M. Matthews, our investigator, as made to the commission and was so labeled, but someone slipped those few words from it before the report got to the printer. The commission as a whole, or a majority of it, by no means stands for the Matthews report. We are now consulting with the Attorney-General and may have five or six proposals for consolidations of some departments of state government to present to the joint committee. Just what these proposals will be must wait on the attorney-general's decision relative to their validity."

O. J. ESKELSON IS DEAD

Klamath Falls Business Man Active in Civic Movement.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls was shocked when it learned of the death of O. J. Eskelson, prominent business man, this morning.

Mr. Eskelson participated in all important civic movements of the Klamath Falls. He served one term as President of the Klamath Falls business men's association and was for a long period a director of the Klamath Commercial Club. He was born in 1858, in Lexington, Morrow County, Or., and came to Klamath Falls eight years ago.

Mr. Eskelson is survived by a wife and five children; a sister, Mrs. Robert Wilcox, of this city; a father and mother, seven brothers, and a sister who reside at Lexington. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

RECEIVERSHIP AIDS MILLS

Smith Industries at Marshfield to Increase Operations.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Henry Chaney, general manager of the Smith Industries in this county, today declared the receivership of the properties instead of proving a handicap to operations as was feared here, an advantage and was for a heavier business than for many years.

Mr. Chaney said the receivership was for ready money and this has been arranged.

The mills will accordingly resume full operations as quickly as the log supply interrupted by the high water in the Couville Valley is again normal. Manager Chaney said the companies will employ more men than before.

Strike Settlement Remote.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 20.—No evidence of a settlement of the strike of the port workers, which has been in

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—Collar Sets and Vests of pongee, pique, wash satin, organdy and other figured materials; many are daintily hand embroidered; all styles. Street Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Half-Price Days Continue

Hundreds of Small Lots Brought to Light by "Stock-Taking" Reduced Greatly

75 American Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets at a Sale of Great Moment

FIFTY SETS \$3.45 TWENTY-FIVE SETS \$6.95

—A few months ago a shipment of similar dinnerware was offered in a special sale and every set was sold in less than two hours. So if you really want one of these it will be well to come early today.

—These are shown in the popular Ohio shape, with large, delicate pink roses and a blending of blue in the spray that makes a fascinating design.

—There are fifty 26-piece sets—six plates, six coupe soups, six tea cups and saucers, one dish and one nappy. These at \$3.45.

—And there are twenty-five 42-piece sets—six 7-inch plates, six 5-inch plates, six coupe soups, six fruit saucers, six tea cups and saucers, one dish, one baking dish, nappy sugar and creamer.

—A sale that offers unusual values to housekeepers, and we wish there were twice as many sets to offer! Sixth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

CREPE DE CHINE ENVELOPE CHEMISE

Special—\$2.45, \$2.95

—Flesh-colored crepe de chine envelope chemise that are as fresh and dainty as you could wish. Some are made prettier with lace yokes, shirring and hemstitching, and others are in the plain-tailored styles that are so neat and smart. Regulation or strap shoulder effects are shown and there are many pretty styles for your choosing. Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S GOOD WATCHES

Reduced—\$7.95, \$10.85, \$16.75

\$7.95 for women's 7-jewel Elgin and Waltham watches, in gold-filled hunting cases, guaranteed 20 years. \$10.85 for men's 7-jewel Waltham watches, in 20-year open-face jointed cases. \$16.75 for women's O size Elgin and Waltham watches in 14 carat hunting cases. Imported Watches at HALF PRICE Street Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

400 LOVELY GEORGETTE AND CREPE DE CHINE BLOUSES

REDUCED TO \$4.50

—Blouses of every wanted kind in this sale; the finest of Georgettes in dainty French combinations; flesh embroidered in blue; Georgettes, with tiny, tiny pin tucks and crepe de chine and wash satins, in the plainest of tailored styles.

—Many of the pretty collarless styles of blouses are included; some have V-necks and quite a few the high neck so becoming to certain types.

—The colors are white, maize, bisque, flesh, gray and suit shades; all of them in demand for immediate and Spring wear. Many have pretty pleated frills.

—When we tell you that these blouses have been reduced in some instances half their regular amounts you will appreciate the importance of this sale. It will pay you to supply waist needs for immediate and Spring wear, with such values and such styles to be had for \$4.50.



Third Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

progress here for several days, in sight. Eleven British steamers, totaling 24,000 tons, will be ordered to the coast to await orders if the strike is not settled by tonight. The newspapers express fear of a cessation of commercial relations with Great Britain as a result of the labor trouble.

\$25,000 for Land Cases Asked.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—An appropriation of \$25,000 for the Attorney-General's office to investigate and prosecute alleged land fraud cases which the Attorney-General deems may be brought to successful conclusion is incorporated in a bill presented in the House by Representative Richardson today.

SWINE GROWERS ORGANIZE

Washington Hog Raisers Favor Law Regulating Milled Feeds.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 20.—Formation of a state organization of swine growers and legislation regulating milled feeds were favored by a conference of 50 swine growers from various parts of the state, held here today under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club. I. W. Ringer, of Seattle, was named chairman of a committee of five to be named by him to consider details for organization. Livestock recommendations, it was

Third Flu Wave at North Powder.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The third influenza wave has hit North Powder, in the eastern corner of this county. Urgent appeal for nurses on the local Red Cross headquarters resulted in four being sent to the little town, where 50 cases are reported. The population is about 200. R. W. Logan, county health physician, predicts the situation in North Powder will spread

to the rest of the county as the third wave of the epidemic, now working westward.

VICTOR RECORDS

Some Good Selections

45155—Smiles (By Lambert Murphy). The Radiance of Your Eyes (By Werrenath). 17701—Hawaiian Waltz Medley. Kilina Waltz. 16777—Stars and Stripes Forever—March (By Sousa). Fairness of the Fair—March (By Sousa). 33500—Poet and Peasant Overture—Part I. Poet and Peasant Overture—Part II. 70117—The Laddies Who Fought and Won (By Harry Lauder). 64267—Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark. (By Alma Gluck). 74562—Scherzo—Tarantelle (By Jascha Heifetz).

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