

FEDERAL CONTROL OF WIRES IS PROTESTED

Increased Rates Held Excuse for Retaining Lines.

HUGE MONOPOLY IS SEEN

Edward Reynolds Tells Committee That Elimination of Competition Will Work Hardship.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Edward Reynolds, of New York, who recently was relieved of his duties as vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company by Postmaster-General Burleson, told the House postoffice committee today that the only excuse for the Government retaining control over telephones and telegraph lines was "to increase telephone rates and to finance crippled telephone companies."

Mr. Reynolds appeared to oppose the Administration measure contemplating extension of the period of the control and possible Government purchase of the wires. Protests against the legislation also were filed with the committee for several state public service commissions and by F. W. Putnam, a member of the Minnesota commission.

Mr. Reynolds said that "to utilize the Government control for increasing telephone rates, as is now being done by the Postmaster-General, is assuming authority that Congress did not confer upon the Postmaster-General," and declared that efforts are now being made to increase telegraph charges.

Higher Rates Opposed. "Mr. Burleson's operating committee, consisting of a Western Union man, two Bell telephone men and one Independent telephone man," he declared, "has within the last few days tried to get the Postal Company to agree to increased telegraph rates and the Postal Company has refused. If the Government will turn back at once the Postal telegraph lines, we will continue to carry on the telegraph business at present rates."

The witness accused the Postmaster-General, Theodore N. Vail, and Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Company, of seeking "to consolidate all telegraph, telephone and possibly cable lines into one huge monopoly," and said there is no good reason why all the lines should not be turned back at once and the loss now sustained by the Government in their operation stopped.

Huge Monopoly Scented. "The idea that a great consolidation and the wiping out of competition and the grant of subsidies for new cables will confer great benefits upon the American people is put forward to deceive. Such a consolidation would impose a hardship upon the public without giving it a single advantage."

Mr. Reynolds said that Postmaster-General Burleson had discharged him as a Postal official because he sought to prevent Mr. Burleson's plan for consolidation of wire companies.

He also declared his company refused to accept the compensation award of \$1,680,000 made by the Postmaster-General because the company earned \$1,025,000 in the calendar year 1917.

OREGON PLEADS FOR RELIEF

Surrender of Lines Demanded in Letter to Mr. Burleson.

SALEM, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Declaring that the chief if not the sole advisers of Postmaster-General Burleson are high officials of the telephone and telegraph companies, and that the consolidations and economies of operation are more theoretical than actual, Chairman Buchtel, of the National Association of Railway and Utility Commissioners, today declared that "telephone operators' wages have been somewhat advanced, but with a caution that approaches capping a string has been attached by those in authority to withdraw the salary increase if advanced rates do not become effective."

In part Mr. Buchtel says: "Primarily, during the active prosecution of the war, little complaint was registered by Oregon citizens, through patriotic motives, against the policies or effects of Federal control of the wires. But with the signing of the armistice and the cessation of war, patrons of these utilities are naturally looking forward to the fulfillment of the

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JUSTICE AND PEACE

DESIRE OF JAPANESE

Clean Policy in International Relations Keynote.

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SELLING OUT THE BOSTON STORE

148 Fourth Street, Between Morrison and Alder. With the end of the Winter in sight, we are forced to dispose of our entire stock of Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Waists and Furs—no matter what price—in order to make place for our Spring arrivals. SALE STARTS TODAY AT 9 A. M.

Table of clothing sale prices: \$30.00 Coats, \$13.95 Dresses, \$37.50 Coats, \$18.95 Dresses, \$40-\$45-\$50 Coats, \$24.95 Dresses, \$35.00 Suits, Special \$14.95, \$27.50 Coats, Special \$11.95, \$12.50 Skirts, \$6.95, \$10.00 Skirts, \$4.95, FURS 1/2 Price, \$5.00 Waists, \$2.95, \$7.50 Waists, \$4.95.

H. B. 92, by Gordon—Making it unlawful to hoist a flag or emblem for unlawful purposes.
H. B. 93, by Gordon—Making it unlawful to display a red flag or emblem for unlawful purposes.
H. B. 94, by Richards—Relating to procedure in circuit courts.
H. B. 95, by Childs—Providing for licensing of auctioneers.
H. B. 96, by Elmore—Relating to recording of mortgages.
H. B. 97, by Elmore—Relating to recording of new mortgages.
H. B. 98, by Burdick—Relating to certificate of title.
H. B. 99, by Burdick—Relating to bail.
H. B. 100, by Martin—Relating to adoption.
H. B. 101, by Martin—Relating to specific gravity of gasoline.
H. B. 102, by Martin—Relating to actions growing out of death of a person.
H. B. 103, by Martin—Relating to satisfaction of judgments.
H. B. 104, by Martin—Relating to collection of wages for employment.
H. B. 105, by Martin—Prohibiting person causing death of another from succeeding to decedent's estate.
H. B. 106, by Martin (by request)—Appropriating \$500 to reimburse Robert Crowl for former suspended debt of the prison flax plant.
H. B. 107, by Martin—Relating to attorney's fees in collection of wages.
H. B. 108, by Martin—Relating to cause of action arising out of the death of a person.
H. B. 109, by Martin—Relating to attorney's fees.

Mortgage Tax is Target. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Removal of the tax on mortgages and other evidences of debt is proposed in a joint resolution introduced today by Senator Jones, of Lane County providing for a vote of the people to determine whether or not the tax should be amended. The same measure was introduced by Mr. Jones in the House two years ago, but was killed in the taxation committee.

Surveyor's Office in Danger. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Abolishment of the office of County Surveyor is sought in a resolution asking for a constitutional amendment introduced today by Senator Hurley, of Malheur. He also is author of a bill in measure, which, if passed, would provide for the office of county engineer, to be appointed by the County Court or County Commissioners.

SIXTH STREET TO DECORATE. PORTLAND PLANS TO WELCOME OREGON SOLDIERS. C. T. Haas, in Charge of Detail Work, Leaves for Camp Lewis Friday to Greet Overseas Men.

Sixth street is to be placed in holiday garb and designated as Liberty Way, according to plans made by the soldiers' and sailors' reception committee. A meeting of property owners and merchants on Sixth street will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of discussing plans for the decoration of the street.

Twenty Oregon men are included in the trainload of men belonging to the 34th Field Artillery now en route to Camp Lewis, where they are scheduled to arrive tomorrow. C. T. Haas, in charge of the detail work in connection with welcoming Oregon men home, will go to Camp Lewis Friday.

Not only will the men included in this lot be interviewed to ascertain what can be done for them, but arrangements are to be made for daily information concerning Oregon boys who are securing their release from the 13th Division, now being demobilized at Camp Lewis.

Messages to any of the overseas men who are now en route to Camp Lewis will be delivered in left at the reception headquarters at Liberty Temple today or tomorrow.

Emergency Olmstead, chairman of the Portland reception committee, yesterday named A. F. Fiegel chairman of the co-operation committee to adjust any differences that service men may have over back pay, allotments, insurance or similar matters. Soldiers may call on Mr. Fiegel for any assistance along this line.

Arrangements have been made with O. C. Lester, chairman of the New York committee for the welcome and reception of Oregon men, for notification of all units or individual men who are en route from Eastern camps to Western cantonments.

Vancouver Cyclist Fined. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—F. M. Jordan, charged with riding a motorcycle faster than 20 miles an hour, was fined \$25 and costs by W. S. T. Derr, police judge, and was charged and found guilty of riding a motorcycle on the sidewalk, for which he was fined \$50 and costs. In default of bail, he was remanded to jail. To stop Jordan, when he was arrested, the officers had to draw a gun.

Twelve Cows Produce \$478.42. FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—E. D. Wilson, living northwest of this city, milking 12 cows a milk check for December totaling \$478.42, an average of a few cents less than \$40 each for the month.

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