# WIRES IS PROTESTED

HUGE MONOPOLY IS SEEN

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

mittee 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 tele-phone rates, as is now being done by the Postmaster-General, is assuming authority that Congress did not confer upon the Postmaster-General," and de-clared 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," the witness declared, "has within the last few days 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 New-comb 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.

"The idea that a great consolidation and the wiping out of competition and 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 combination would impose a hardship upon the public without giving it a single advantage."
Mr. Reynolds said that PostmasterGeneral Burleson had discharged him General Burleson had discharged him as a Postal official because he sought to prevent Mr. Burleson's plan for con-

solidation 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 carned \$4,269,000 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 Senator I are high officials of the telephone and telegraph companies, and that the con-solidations and economies of operation are more theoretical than actual Chairman Buchtel, of the Public Service Commission, took his fling today at Federal control of phone and telegraph lines in a letter to Charles E. Elmquist, president of the National Association of Railway and Utility Comsociation of Railway and Utility Com-

wires. But with the signing of the ar-inistice and the cessation of war, patrons of these utilities anxiously look-ing forward to the fulfillment of the

RECUPERATION

of the vital forces of the body, depleted in the struggle with acute disease, depends not upon superficial stimulation but upon adequate nourishment. The body needs to be nourished back to strength and power.

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ower rates, sought relief from intol-rable conditions through appeal to heir commission, when service became moralized and increases in rates

"Pending the determination of the easonableness of the request for ad-itional exchange revenues, the administration authority complicated this question by filing toll rates, heralded at least as reductions; also it is our Increased Rates Held Excuse information that the major phone utilities through contracts with the Government receive a guaranteed return, while others of minor size, but renderwhile others of minor size, but rendering like service, are not so fortunately situated. Further, a doubtful method was followed when the recent arbitrary assessment of the so-called 'installation charges' of \$5 10 and \$15 were imposed, based on the monthly rentation charges, which it must be conceded was neither reasonable or just.

"With due consideration of the thoughts as outlined above, coupled with the fact that the chief if not the sole advisers of the Postmaster-General are high officials of the phone and telegraph companies, and a knowledge

telegraph companies, and a knowledge of the chaotic conditions prevalent generally, the commission believes, in justice to the hundreds of thousands of

Mr. Reynoids 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 where it belongs, to the people.

ment of high rate schedules without either proper investigation or an opportunity for the patrons to be heard, in which event it is not beyond the bounds of possibilities that the burden of proof as to the reasonableness thereof would be shifted from the utilities, where it belongs, to the people.

"With the cessation of war activities, the pursuits of peace again become paramount. Our citizens are entitled to the fullest protection, and the underlying reason for delay in action no longer obtains and should the occasion arise and our cause be just, we shall have no hesitancy in questioning the authority of the administration officors on intrastate matters, and carrying our case if need be to the highest court of the land:"

SOLDIER RELIEF TO STAND

The Foreign Minister, whose address was cabled to the Japanese Embassy bere and made public tonight, said the ward on solid and enduring foundations and the prevention of the outbreak of war for ages-to come, and that Japan had decided to co-operate in all sincerity with its allies for the realization of plans conducive to the accomplishment of these objects.

"Our hearts go out in full sympathy to the Russians in their present plight," said the Minister, "and we entertain a sanguine hope that the efforts now being made by patriotic elements in various parts in Russia for the establishment of a unified and orderly government may be crowned with success.

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#### SOLDIER RELIEF TO STAND

ATTEMPT TO CUT APPROPRIA-TION MEETS DEFEAT.

Multnomah Delegation Leads Fight to Retain \$100,000 Measure Passed Last Week.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 21-(Special.) - Efforts to make a further out to \$50,000 in the \$100,000 appropriation for returned soldlers and sailors were defeated on the floor of the Sen-ate this afternoon when the Multnomah delegation won out in their hard-fought contention that the full \$100,000 be

The ways and means committee recommended that the appropriation bereduced to \$50,000. Senator Gill, of Mulinomah, was the only member of the committee who opposed the cut. After assiduous Senate lobbying the

Another amendment which brought forth spirited debate was that offered by Senator Strayer, of Baker County, proposing that each soldier and sailor given relief by the commission in whose charge the fund is placed, be compelled to furnish complete and authoritative data concerning his former residence, date and place of enlistment, length and place of service. Army serial number, amount of money received when discharged and other minute information which members asserted the average soldier would be absolutely unable to furnish.

Banks declared that to com-

'It is just like having them come to the back door of our homes for a 'hand out' and telling them to go to the base-ment and split wood,' he said. Senator Moser declared it would be

a direct slap at the officials of Port-land Governor Withycombe and the soldfers' relief commission if the Sen-ate should insist on making the \$50,-He declares that "telephone operators" wages have been somewhat advanced, but with a caution that approaches cunning 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:

Soluters restance in the \$50,000 reduction or compelling the men
in the service to furnish this mass of
personal data if they were to be given
any relief from this emergency fund.
Senator Eddy spread oil on the
troubled waters when he offered an
amendment providing that the commis-"Primarily, during the active prose-cution of the war, little complaint was registered by Oregon citizens, through patriotic metives, against the policies or effects of Federal control of the

### HIGHWAY PLANS OUTLINED

COMMISSIONERS EXPRESS OP-POSITION TO POLITICAL ROADS.

Construction of State Thorough fares Demanded by People, Says Commission.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 21 .open to do.

John Day and roads from the Colum-bia River to the California line; from

the Legislature do not ask the com-mission for the construction of local ting together on them. He declared that the sentiment in HOUSE BILLS FOR DAY ARE 25 the state regarding roads is materially changing and that "the people want these state roads, and want them now."

Disloyalty Charges Dismissed. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21 .- Disloyalty charges against five persons were dismissed in the United States District Court here today at the request of Charles P. Williams, special assistant to the Attorney General. Among them was Edmund W. Bracht, a civil engineer of San Francisco. neer of San Francisco.

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Clean Policy in International Relations Keynote.

RUSSIAN PLIGHT DEPLORED

Viscount Uchida Says Japan Is Particularly Interested in Dealing Fairly With China.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Edward Reynolds, of New York, who recently was relieved of his duties as vice-president and general manager of the Postai Telegraph-Cable Company by Postmaster-General Burleson, told the Fostai Telegraph committee today, that the properties should be promptly for that the properties should be promptly in an address today at the opening of the Postai Telegraph committee today, that the only excuse for the Government retaining control over telephone and telegraph companies was "to increase telephone companies" and to finance crippled telephone companies."

Mr. Reynolds appeared to oppose the international relations.

habilitation of Russia as one of the great powers to contribute to the progress and civilization of the world and we are quite ready to offer her all due assistance for this purpose.

"We have no intention whatever to interfere with the internal politics of Russia, still less would our policy be influenced by any tendency of taking advantage of domestic troubles in Russia to promote any selfish aims of territorial or economic aggression."

Viscount Uchida said Japan was "particularly anxious to deal in a spirit of justness and fairness with all the questions which may come up before

or justness and fairness with all the questions which may come up before the peace conference affecting Chinese interests and that upon acquisition of the right of free disposal from Germany of leased territory at Klachau, Japan would restore it to China."

"In view of the mischievous rumors in regard to our policy in China," continued the Minister. "I have to say a few words here by explanation. It goes

few words here by explanation. It goes without saying that Japan has no territorial ambition in China or elsewhere, neither does she contemplate any action which might militate against the development of the legitimate interest and welfare of the Chinese nation.

"We have solemnly pledged ourselves to respect the independence and carried After assiduous senate londying the champions of the measure procured a sufficient number of pledged votes to respect the independence and territorial integrity of China and to abide Another amendment which brought faithfully by the principle of equal operations. portunity and the open door for com-nerce and industry. We establish our relations with China upon a basis of justice and mutual helpfulness such as

is calculated to bring about a lasting and complete understanding, between the two nations. We intend to remain a sincere friend of China, to use our best endeavors for the development of a brilliant future for China and for the promotion of the general well-being of the Chinese people.

"We have to rely, in a large measure, upon rich natural resources in China, in order to insure our own economic

Senator Banks declared that to com-pel soldiers and sallors to furnish this existence. I have no doubt that both detailed information would place them the government and the people of China in full appreciation of their friendly and neighborly relations with Japan would not deny us needed co-operation

## NEW COURT IS PROPOSED

MULTNOMAH COUNTY NOT ALL IN HARMONY.

Representative Lofgren Introduces Measure Said to Bc Sponsored by Bar Association.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 31. (Special.)-All is not serone in the progress of projective legislation to cure a court of domestic relations for Multnomah County. This became apparent today with the introduction of a bill by Representative Lofgren providing for the abolition of the County Court in that county and creating a new court to be known as the probate new court to be known as the probate and domestic relations court. This is an entirely different bill from the measure fostered by Portland teachers and civic organizations. Mr. Lofgren says his bill is sponsored by the legislative committee of the Mulinomah County Bar Asso lation.

Under the bill favored by the teachers

and civic organizations, the judge and probation officers of the domestic rela-(Special.)—State Highway Commission-ers Thompson and Booth tonight out-lined to the joint roads and highways committee and to a majority of the mbers of the Legislature in the hall of the University of Oregon faculty. Representatives what the commison has accomplished and what it unable to determine why the professors at the university should designate a poletion of the Pacific, Columbia, judge and probation officers for Mult-

nomah County. Under the Lofgren measure all pro Vale to Bend; from Lakeview to Bend; bate matters and matters pertaining to the Makeview to Klamath Falls, and the work of the domestic relations a number of secondary roads would come under the new court, cost \$10,354,000. Mr. Booth told the and the present judge would be elevated

cost \$10.354,000. Mr. Booth told the members. By using the macadam surfaces laid on much of the road for three or four years before paving was laid down would effect a saving of \$1.400.000 more, and Pederal aid of about \$300,000 is expected. The amount represented by these savings, he said could be placed in local roads. This \$10.354,000 is in excess of the appropriations already made by the commission for the roads mentioned.

Commissioner Thompson urged that the present judge would be elevated to that position. Mr. Lofgren declared today that the present judge would be elevated to that position.

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Mr. Lofgren declared today that the present County Court, not being a court of record, is of little actual value in will cases, citing the Faling will case, which, he declared, has taken up nearly nine months of the court's time, with no record to stand upon, and that no record will be established until it is taken into the Circuit Court.

It is probable the two bills will be taken before the Multnomsh delegation, and there may be a possibility of get-

Law Framed to Make Display of Red Flag Unlawful.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 21, (Special.)—Twenty-five House bill were introduced today as follows: H. B. 85, by Woodson—Relating to dutie of tax collectors.

H. B. S6, by Burnaugh—Creating 19th judicial district out of Wallowa County.

H. B. S7, by Ballagh—Relating to life and accident insurance for soldiers.

H. B. S8, by Hare—Relating to vacation of

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\$5.00 Waists \$2.95 \$7.50 Waists

H. B. 100, by Martin-Relating to adopt-H. B. 101, by Martin-Relating to specific

H. B. 101, by Martin—Relating to specific reavity of gasoline.

H. B. 102, by Martin—Helating to actions rowing out of death of a person.

H. B. 103, by Martin—Relating to satisfactions of judgmenta.

H. B. 104, by Martin—Relating to coi-citions of wages for employment,

H. H. 105, by Martin—Prohibiting person ausing death of another from succeeding to feeedent's estate. ecedent's estate. H. B. 106, by Marlin (by request)—Ap-ropriating \$500 to reimburse Robert Craw-ard, former superintendent of the prison ford, former superintendent of the preson flax plant.

H. B. 107, by Martin—Relating to attor-ney'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 attor-

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 in-troduced today by Senator Jones, of Lane County providing for a vote of the people to determine whether or not the constitution should be amended. The same measure was introduced by Mr. Jones in the House two years ago, but was killed in the taxation com-

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 twin measure, in the form of a Senate trees, loss of appetite and weight and trees. loss of appetite and weight and trees. loss of appetite and weight and trees. bill, providing 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 solaccording 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.
This thoroughfare will be used by
the returning service men in marching
from the depot to the Liberty Temple.

H. B. 92, by Gordon—Making it unlawful to theire disjoyalty.

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H. B. 93, by Gordon—Making it unlawful to display a red fing 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 mortgages.

H. B. 96, by Elmore—Relating to recording or mortgages.

H. B. 97, by Elmore—Relating to recording ance along this line.

have over back pay, and a surance or similar matters. Soldiers may call on Mr. Flegel for any assistance along this line.

H. B. 98, by Burdick—Relating to certificates of probable cause.

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Vancouver Cyclist Fined.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 21 .- (Spe ial.)-F. M. Jordan, charged with riding a motorcycle faster than 20 miles Begins an hour, was fined \$25 and costs by W. S. T. Derr, police judge, and was charged and found guilty of riding a

## DANGER BESETS THIN-BLOODED

A Michigan Woman, Bloodless From Childhood Learns What It Is to Have Good Health.

Serious illness is generally the sum otal of slight ailments which receive little or no attention because they cause small inconvenience. Anemia in a mild form is not serious and generally responds readily to intelligent treatment, but if permitted to ravage the blood unchecked, it may rapidly develon into permittees as which

nervousness which make sleep difficult and unrestful. The housewife notices a palpitation or fluttering of the heart

a palpitation or fluttering of the heart from slight exertion, such as climbing the stairs.

These symptoms demand the use of a blood tonic, and Mrs. Frances Meng, of No. 224 West 4th street, Flint, Mich., is a living example of the benefits to be derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in such cases. She says:

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"My mother finally decided to try Dr "My mother finally decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. To the surprise of all, I began to get better and could walk several blocks without resting. I continued using the pills until I was entirely well. I have been perfectly well since and am glad to tell others of the good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did me."

Many people suffer pains that could be avoided by building up the blood. Dr. Williams' Plak Pilis build up the blood, and sufferers from headache would do well to try this treatment before giving way to worry over a fancled organic disease. Rest and the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

from the depot to the Liberty Temple.

Twenty Oregon men are included in the trainload of men belonging to the 345th 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

H. B. S7, by Ballagh—Relating to life and accident insurance for soldiers.

H. B. S8, by Hare—Relating to vacation of town plats.

H. B. S8, by Hare—Providing for home-stead exemption.

H. B. S0, by Hare—Authorizing County to the made for daily information concerning Oregon boys who have sent direct by mail, postpaid, on the lates to Hillaboro.

H. B. S0, by Lofgren—Abolishing County to pay certain taxes to Hillaboro.

H. B. S1, by Lofgren—Abolishing County to pay certain taxes to Hillaboro.

H. B. S1, by Lofgren—Abolishing County to pay certain taxes to Hillaboro.

H. B. S1, by Lofgren—Abolishing County to mail to be interviewed to ascertain what can be done for them, but arrangements are sold by your own druggies or will be sent direct by mail, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box. six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams at Camp Lewis.

Moessages to any of the overseas men who are now en route to Camp Lewis will be delivered if left at the reception free to any address on request.—Adv.



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