

REPEAL OF ALL WIRES TO OWNERS REQUEST

Joint Resolution Introduced by Steenerson of Minnesota.

SENATOR GORE WILL ACT

President Called Upon for Itemized Report of Expenditures and Receipts Under U. S. Control.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Republican members at a conference today agreed upon a bill for repeal of the wire control act and for immediate return of the wire system to their owners.

A joint resolution to return all the wire systems to private management, introduced today by Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, republican, calls on the president for itemized report of all expenditures and receipts for the properties taken over and a report showing financial results of government operation.

In the senate Senator Gore announced that he would offer a resolution for immediate return of all lines and to amend all laws relating to wire and radio communication in effect when the government took effect.

Members of congress received today an appeal from Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, and G. W. Robinson, president of the United States Independent Telephone Association, asking for speedy legislation to enable the return of the telephone properties throughout the country to their private owners.

The object of the appeal follows: "To the members of the senate and house of representatives:

"On midnight, July 31, 1918, under the authority of congress for adequate purposes, the president took supervision, possession, control and operation of the telephone systems of the country and has since operated them. The work has practically ceased. The public press is strongly demanding, the general public and the owners of telephone properties are urging, that they be returned as speedily as possible, that former conditions may be restored and more satisfactory service rendered."

The president and the postmaster-general have announced that this will be done as soon as adequate arrangements are provided for receiving and advantageously operating them. It remains only for congress to enact such legislation as speedily as possible.

The expenses of these systems have largely increased during the past year, for wages alone at the rate of more than \$20,000,000 per annum. This was inevitable and necessary by reason of larger proportional increases by the railroads and industries of the country. The return of these systems to private care for such increases and the deficit of the government on that account to date is large and steadily increasing.

The postmaster-general ordered the steps be taken to secure adequate revenues, but contentions with the regulatory authority of the states, not yet settled, have prevented such adjustments.

Needs of Service Set Forth. "If such conditions continue, necessarily the credit of the operating companies will be impaired, proper expenses cannot be met, the best operating forces cannot be retained, needed extensions and satisfactory service cannot be provided.

"A deterioration will ensue which in some localities may threaten the operation of public ownership or operation in order to care, even inadequately, for public needs. By prompt action congress can prevent this contingency.

"Just and speedy settlements should be made for all properties taken under the existing law, that such balances now in the possession of the government may be restored to assist in the rebuilding and extension of the various systems for the benefit of the public. The conditions and regulation of operations should be clearly defined so as to permit the companies to re-establish and maintain satisfactory service with reasonable rates without discrimination and procure the benefits of legitimate competition. The principal operating companies of the United States are vitally interested in co-operating with congress and the officials of the government to accomplish these results.

"THEODORE N. VAIL, "President A. T. & T. Company." "G. ROBINSON, "President U. S. Independent Telephone Association."

NEW YORK, May 19.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company, issued a statement tonight expressing the hope that the appeal to congress by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, would not be "used to delay the return of telegraph lines."

"If the telegraph lines are returned unconditionally," he said, "it is not our affair whether the government does not succeed in getting congress to increase the telephone rates or pay compensation for the use of telegraph lines in excess of what they have earned. We do not ask any compensation at all from the government for the use of our lines, but will be content to get what we earned."

Obituary.

FUNERAL services for Michael Owens, pioneer contractor, were held yesterday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Johnson, 1113 Oregon street, and from the St. Francis church. Father Black officiated.

Mr. Owens was identified with much of the construction in this city and the Pacific highway between West Linn and Oswego, to determine whether the location outlined several months ago by County Surveyor H. H. Johnson was practical. He advised a route leading directly out of Oswego in a southerly direction, running west of the present highway below Bolton.

Mr. Johnson will explain in detail the new location at the meeting of the highway commission engineers approved by the commission awarding a contract for the grading, which will be completed this year, and the road paved next year, under an understanding between the commission and the county court.

14 Whales Captured.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 19.—Fourteen whales have been taken thus far by the three members of the American Pacific whaling fleet off Bay station on Grays Harbor, according to word brought by the whaler Moran, arriving today.

FLUENZA. The remainder of those ill on Coos river are improving and the majority are out of danger.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 19.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Lyles, who for the past two years has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. G. McBroom of Washougal, died today at St. Joseph's hospital. She was 68 years of age, and a native of Iowa. She came to Washougal from Minnesota. Besides her daughter living in Washougal she is survived by a son, Fred M. Lyles of Deer Creek, Minn.; a daughter, Mrs. John Hoffman, Tilton, Wash.; a brother, W. Smith, living in Iowa, five grand children and six sisters, living in the east. The body is at Knapp's undertaking parlors awaiting funeral arrangements.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 19.—(Special)—Earl C. Stamm, aged 25 years, died suddenly yesterday in Tenino. The remains were brought to this city pending funeral arrangements. The young man came from the east about a month ago to visit his mother, Mrs. J. P. Downey of Tenino. His wife is living in the east and his father, Rev. P. S. Stamm, at Flat River, N. Y.

SPOKANE, May 19.—The funeral of former Superior Judge E. S. Sullivan, who died here Sunday morning, will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church here tomorrow afternoon. Judge Sullivan was superior judge of Whitman county for six years and of Spokane county for ten years.

Funeral services for the late William B. Roblin, manager of the Portland Walk-Over Boot shoe store and secretary of the Portland Retail Shoe Store association, will be held from the Findley Undertaking parlors, Fifth and Montgomery streets, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Roblin died late Sunday at his home, 383 East Fifty-seventh street. He had been ill since October but had never been confined to his bed. He was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., where his parents still live. He also leaves a widow. He was a member of the Masons and Elks, a member of the Portland Ad club and of the Christian Science church.

Mrs. Phoebe Eddy Oatfield, prominent war worker of Brooklyn, N. Y., and formerly a Portland school teacher, died at her home in Brooklyn, May 6.

Mrs. Oatfield was born in Monticello, Minn. She graduated from the high school of Buffalo, N. Y., and also from the Western New York normal. In both of which schools she taught afterward. Coming west, she became a teacher in the schools of Oregon City and of Portland until her marriage to Ernest M. Oatfield, member of a pioneer family, who with three children, survive her. Mrs. Oatfield was connected with all public activities.

IDAHO TO PROTEST RATES

ADVANCE ON APPLE FREIGHTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

Effort Also to Be Made to Have Coal Tariffs Equalized on Basis of Distance.

BOISE, Idaho, May 19.—(Special)—Regardless of whether the Oregon or Washington commissions join in the case, the Idaho public utilities commission has decided to go before the interstate commerce commission to protest the proposed increase in the freight rates on apples from western points to the markets of the east, from \$1.10 to \$1.25 per hundred pounds.

A conference with the fruit growers of the state resulted in a decision being reached to gather the necessary data to show the interstate commerce commission how unjust and unfair such a proposed increase would be.

Questionnaires are being sent out to the growers, and a number of protest meetings will be held in various sections of the state.

The Idaho commission will also appear before the Portland traffic committee of the railroad administration June 10, when argument will be made on the petition to adjust freight rates from the mines in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Washington and Oregon on the basis of distance.

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MERCHANTS MEET AUG. 4

DATE OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION DECIDED UPON.

Buyers Week Committee Promise Varied Entertainment for State Retailers Who Visit Portland.

Directors of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday decided to hold the 15th annual convention in Portland August 4-9 in conjunction with Buyers' week, which was not held last year on account of war conditions, but which in 1917 brought to Portland over 1400 registered delegates.

The programme for the convention has not been worked out, but only questions of a purely commercial nature will be discussed. Some subjects suggested are: Combating mail order competition, buying, selling, advertising, store display, retail credits and collections.

YEAR'S WORK NOW IN SIGHT FOR CONGRESS

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SUFFRAGE MEASURE LEADS

Immediate Return of Telegraph and Telephone Lines Also Is Among Opening Proposals.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Enough bills were introduced in the house today to keep that body continuously at work throughout the year. More than 1200 measures were placed in the house hopper.

While most of the bills provide for the donation to various communities of cannon and German field pieces captured by the American expeditionary forces, the legislation that failed at the last session was again introduced and new measures came from the republican side as part of the legislative programme agreed upon at the party caucus.

First on the house calendar is the joint resolution of Representative Mann for a federal constitutional amendment providing for equal suffrage and equal service in the senate for immediate return of telegraph and telephone lines now controlled by the government.

Many Repeat Bills Appear. Bills to repeal war-time prohibition, the luxury tax section of the war revenue bill and taxes on soda fountain products went early into the hopper. Among the repeat bills were half a dozen measures aimed at the daylight-saving act, mostly of them sponsored by farmers' organizations.

Numerous other bills would provide a larger bonus for men discharged from military and naval service than the \$60 set aside under the war revenue bill. Soldier legislation also included a bill for acquisition of an American burial ground in France for men killed in action or who died in service abroad. Another bill called for the immediate discharge of men entering military service after the declaration of war and of men who enlisted in the navy for four years instead of duration of the war.

Preference in civil service was provided for former service men and was provided for in many bills.

Immigration Bar Proposed. Representative La Guardia of New York introduced a bill which would provide transportation to France for the nearest of kind of all soldiers buried overseas, this being put forward by the bill to restore the plan of attempting to return all bodies to this country. Prohibitory immigration legislation is embodied in another bill introduced by Representative Lufkin of Massachusetts, who asked early consideration for it.

What was regarded as the first growth of the ratification of the prohibition amendment was a bill proposing a constitutional amendment providing that all future amendments to the constitution be reaffirmed by referendum vote in each of three-fourths of the states.

The oil land leasing bill was introduced in substantial the same form as at the last session.

War Pension Bill Comes. War-time pensions reaching back to the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection and Chinese relief expedition would be provided for in a bill by Representative Sells of Tennessee.

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Authorizing payments of certain moneys to the Siletz Indians and the distribution of certain property among the same tribes.

Increasing the pensions of veterans of Indian wars to the same rate as fixed for the widows of veterans of other wars.

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What is known as the Ansell bill, to reform the military court-martial system, will be introduced in the senate tomorrow by Senator Chamberlain.

Senator McNary will renew the fight tomorrow at the war department to secure the return to this country of the 14th field artillery, which is with the army of occupation in Germany. The war department has twice declined to return this regiment, but Oregon relatives and friends of the soldiers have not ceased to bring pressure for their release.

Formerly soldiers from Oregon and Washington are with the 24th engineers on the Saint Nazaire, which sailed from France on May 18 for Newport News, Va.

DAIRY BOARD MAY EXPAND

TWO MORE MEMBERS SOUGHT BY COUNCIL FORCES.

Definite Action Regarding Election of New Directors Will Be Taken at July Session.

The educational and commercial forces of the Oregon Dairy Council came to a deadlock for a few minutes yesterday morning during the special meeting of the body. As a result the matter of enlarging the board of directors from 15 to 17 members was postponed for a period of 60 days.

The meeting had been requested by a delegation representing the dairymen of Tillamook and the advertising committee to consider the advisability of adding to the board two more men to represent the producer-distributors. The names of A. M. Work, of the Portland-Damasco, and Alma D. Katz, of the Astoria, were mentioned as candidates by those desiring the larger board.

M. S. Schrock, of the league, said that the dairymen are in favor of enlarging the board and are willing to donate a certain amount, probably 1 cent per 100 pounds, toward the cause, and that at a meeting at Hillsboro, attended by 400 persons, the vote had been unanimous.

Mr. Work said that he believed it a good policy and was willing to match dollar for dollar the amount given by the dairymen.

William M. Ladd, W. K. Newell, Mrs. Saldie Dunbar, R. L. Sullivan, Dr. D. W. Mack and J. E. Dunne were among the other speakers. In order to give the dairymen a better opportunity to consider the matter, Mr. Dunne moved that the question of enlarging the board be tabled for a period of two months by the producer-distributors was set for the third Wednesday in July. The motion carried.

LARGE CLASS IS INITIATED

Knights of Columbus Conduct Ceremonies at Mount Angel.

MOUNT ANGEL, Or., May 19.—(Special)—A large class of initiates was held today in degree work conducted by Mount Angel Council, Knights of Columbus, and a banquet given at night, which was arranged by Mother, Field, Lady Foresters, was well attended.

W. J. McGinley, supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus, was a stirring talk and addresses were given by several others, including Dr. Rev. Abbott Placide, O. S. B., Frank E. Devery, of Salem, council, Frank J. Loneragan, state deputy; Rev. Edwin O'Hara and Rev. Father Dominic O. S. M. The evening orchestra was a feature.

College Invites Airmen.

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PAVED ROAD IS DEMANDED

Monitor Farmers to Ask Aid of Oregon City on Project.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 19.—(Special)—Permanent improvement of a road from Barlow to Monitor, and the cooperation of Oregon City to attain the end desired, will be urged by a delegation of 30 farmers from the section affected at a meeting to be held at 7 o'clock tomorrow night at the Commercial club rooms, preceded by a dinner at 6:30 o'clock.

The monitor delegation will be headed by J. W. Ixson, who says his people need a hard-surfaced highway from the southern end of the county, tapping the Pacific highway at Barlow. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Live Wires, and the dinner will take the place of the usual Tuesday noon luncheon.

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