

REGULATION URGED IN WIRE OPERATION

Tribunal Provided to Hear All Controversies.

HIGH COSTS TO CONTINUE

More Return of Wires Not Expected to Solve Vexatious Problems Facing the Companies.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Recommendations of the wire control board that legislation returning the telephone and telegraph system of the country to private ownership provide co-ordinated operation of the various systems and fixing of rates by the interstate commerce commission were forwarded today by Postmaster-General Burleson to the house postoffice committee.

The wire board's recommendations also include creation of a tribunal to hear all controversies between employers and employees and that changes in wage schedules shall not become effective until submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission so that corresponding changes may be made in rates.

High Costs to Continue. More return of the wires to their owners will not solve vexatious problems confronting the companies, Mr. Burleson said in his letter to Representative Moon of Tennessee, transmitting the recommendation.

Regulatory Policy Urged. The members of the board are unanimously of the opinion that in order to provide the most efficient wire service the various service systems should be co-ordinated as to operation.

Commission to Fix Rates. Hence, it is believed that the law should be so amended as to empower the interstate commerce commission to fix rates for telegraph and telephone companies subject to provisions of the act and that any company whose lines are located entirely within a state but which transmit interstate messages should be made subject to the act.

LANE TO BE REPRESENTED Floats for Parades in Portland Rose Festival Promised.

EUGENE, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—Lane county will have two floats in the parade at the Portland Rose Festival instead of one, as originally planned, it was announced today.

HIGHWAY DELEGATES MEET Convention of Evergreen Association at Tacoma Draws Many.

TACOMA, May 22.—Delegates from all points in the northwest, including British Columbia, will meet here tomorrow for the annual convention of the Evergreen National Highway association.

GOTHAM RENTALS SOARING Immediate Erection of 2500 Apartments Held Necessary.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Rent increases in New York since 1915 have averaged 21 per cent, according to a report of House Commissioner Mann, who told the state joint legislative committee investigating housing conditions here today that he knew of no profiteering among landlords and that the highest rents brought to his attention was 21 per cent.

COMPANIES ASK HEARING Cable Interests Object to Dismissal of Burleson Suits.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The supreme court was asked in memoranda filed today by the Commercial and Commercial Pacific Cables companies to decide upon their merits the suits brought by the companies to enjoin the postmaster-general from seizing their properties under the presidential proclamation of last November.

PEACE AT LEAVENWORTH Order Restored at Army Barracks Following Outbreak of Rioting.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 22.—The United States army disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth is back to normal today after the disturbance yesterday, in which one prisoner was shot through the leg and several guards were hurt.

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W. H. Knox, representing the national foreign trade council; J. R. Howard of the federated farm bureau of Iowa; D. O. Thompson, Illinois Agricultural Association; N. M. Leach, Mississippi Valley Association; H. C. Cantelow, Puget Sound Managers and Operators' Association, and W. F. Sullivan, Ship Owners' Association of the Pacific coast.

Railroads Afford Lesson. "Government supervision of the merchant ships should be limited to the fixing of maximum freight rates," Mr. Knox asserted.

Immediate institution of private ownership was opposed by Mr. Leach, who said the government should retain control until the merchant marine was established firmly and new trade routes worked out.

Japanese Competition Dwelt Upon. Japanese competition especially was dwelt upon by Mr. Cantelow, and he urged a study of the rapid growth of the Japanese merchant marine in re-education of the establishment of bunkering facilities and a free zone at Manila was needed to meet the competition of the British at Hongkong and of the Japanese at Kobe.

Opposition to Mr. Hurley's plan for sale of government-built ships to private interests was expressed by E. C. Marsh, speaking for the National Farmers' council.

The conference, which will last three days, will discuss reconstruction policies at length.

DALLAS SCENTS OIL BOOM Polk County Hears Machinery Is on Way to Start Wells.

DALLAS, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—According to advices received from Senator Charles McNary at Washington, the United States government is considering sending out experts to Polk county to explore the oil fields which are supposed to be located here.

Mr. McNary, in a letter to the Dallas Commercial club, asks for all information possible on the extent of the prospecting carried on in this vicinity by the oil companies about eight years ago, and this data has been prepared and sent to Washington.

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BOLSHEVIKI RETREAT IN PART OF RUSSIA

Allies Capture Several Towns and Many Prisoners.

ENEMY CASUALTIES HEAVY

Russian Troops Take Town of Povenietz—Estonians Push Closer to Petrograd.

LONDON, May 22.—The allies on the north Russian front have carried out a successful turning movement against the main bolshevik position, forcing the enemy to retreat southward, according to a north Russian official communication received here this evening.

The communication says the turning movement was carried out May 20, north of Medvedyagora, six miles south of Lumbushki on the railway and that the enemy was expelled from his position and is in full retreat.

ARCHANGEL, May 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Russian troops co-operating with the allied force on the Murmansk front, captured the town of Povenietz, at the head of Lake Onega on Saturday.

Moscow Regiment Surrenders. The capture of Povenietz opens the upper part of Lake Onega for allied craft. Before leaving the town the bolsheviks removed all males more than 15 years of age.

On the Vaga river front today a Russian patrol of 100 men broke through the bolshevik outpost line at Malo Berenki, killing 22 of the enemy and capturing 71 with no loss to themselves.

OMSK, May 19.—The tenth Moscow regiment, a part of the bolshevik army, has surrendered with its arms to the Kolchak government. The regiment went to the front under protest, but as soon as it reached the firing line the soldiers killed their officers and went over to the Siberian army.

LONDON, May 22.—A bolshevik wireless message from Petrograd today denied reports that Riga and Dvinsk had been captured by anti-bolshevik forces.

The Lettish information bureau in Copenhagen announced Monday that Riga had been occupied by Lettish troops and that the town of Dvinsk, which is on the Lettish front.

STOCKHOLM, May 21.—The Estonians, in their campaign against the bolsheviks, are pushing closer to Petrograd, according to an Estonian official statement received here today.

Gatschina is 35 miles directly south of Petrograd. Bolsheviki Shoot Down Women. Gatschina is 35 miles directly south of Petrograd.

OMSK, May 19.—(Russian Telegraph Agency.)—Before their flight from Sarapul southwest of Perm, bolsheviki committed great excesses, shooting down the wives of officers and soldiers in the army of the Omsk government.

PARIS, May 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson was expected to issue a statement on the Polish-Ukrainian hostilities today.

RED OFFENSIVE PROGRESSES Bolsheviki Reported Making Headway Against Rumanians.

VIENNA, May 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The bolshevik offensive against the Rumanians in Bessarabia is progressing, according to reports from Ukrainian sources, because of inability of the Ukrainians to cut in behind the bolshevik in the direction of Kiev.

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ated governments, for instance, so far as concerns the restoration of private property, the search for persons who have disappeared and the care to be taken of graves. The German peace delegation presumes that, for questions such as these, complete reciprocity may be required for general reasons of humanity.

Immediate Action Desired. "Because of the great technical difficulty of repatriating prisoners of war and interned civilians, especially in view of the shortage of tonnage and the lack of coal, the greatest importance should be attached to finding a solution of all preliminary questions before the dispatch of the repatriated prisoners and interned civilians actually begins. For that reason the German peace delegation proposes that the commission should start its deliberations forthwith separately from all other questions.

The explanation of this proposal lies, first, in the fact that there are thousands of German prisoners of war and interned civilians in overseas countries, but the German delegation is likewise thinking of the Germans who are in Siberia and whose dispatch seems to be a question not only of special urgency, but of extraordinary difficulty.

Internal Policy Considered. "The German delegation for reasons of internal policy regards as of the utmost importance that the German prisoners of war and interned civilians should be returned to their homes in as normal a condition as possible in order that they might there be brought back a rapidly as possible into the economic life of the country. That only appears possible, however, if a settlement of transport problems apart from everything possible is done to improve the mental and physical state of those who are returning home.

Having regard to the present situation in respect of economic existence in Germany, it must be admitted that Germany is unable to do with her own resources everything required in order to secure that end. This refers especially to food and clothing; therefore, the German delegation thinks it desirable that the deliberations of the commission should likewise include an examination of the question of tonnage in which the allied and associated governments might assist Germany in the solution of these problems.

the question arises, for instance, of supplying against repayment complete sets of clothing, underclothing and civilian clothing and footwear for the prisoners before their dispatch. "I avail myself, etc."

Text of the reply approved by the council of the principal allied and associated powers to the letter from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, dated May 19, 1919:

Paris, May 22, 1919.—Sir: The representatives of the allied and associated powers have given consideration to the repatriation of the German prisoners of war. In reply, they wish to state that they cannot agree that prisoners of war and civilian prisoners who have been guilty of crimes or penal offenses should be released. These crimes and penal offenses have been based on allied soil and have been dealt with by the legally constituted authorities, by the fact that the fact that the wrongdoer was a German rather than an allied citizen.

Murder by German Cited. "For instance, a certain German prisoner broke at night into the house of a farmer, on whose estate he was set to work, and murdered the farmer and his wife in cold blood with a bill-hook. For this double murder the said prisoner was sentenced to death on June 11, 1918, by a regularly constituted court-martial. Under the Berne convention, however, the execution of the sentence is suspended until peace is signed. Justice would certainly not be satisfied by a consequence of the treaty, this murderer was repatriated.

For these reasons the allied and associated powers cannot agree about the provisions of the draft treaty in respect of prisoners of war who have been guilty of crimes or penal offenses.

Alleviation Hardly Possible. "In regard to the second question, the German peace delegation makes no suggestions as to the alleviation which they would propose for the peace and their repatriation. The allied and associated powers are not aware of what alleviation it is possible to make, seeing that they have scrupulously endeavored to observe the dictates of humanity in the treatment which they have given to prisoners of war, and that, as provided in the last section of the draft treaty, the prisoners of war should remain subject to discipline and control pending their repatriation, in the interests of all concerned.

The German peace delegation may rest assured that it is the intention of the allied and associated governments to treat their prisoners of war during the period between the signing of the peace and their repatriation with full consideration of their feelings and needs.

Property Rights Recognized. "The repatriation of persons properly to prisoners of war constitutes a legal right which the allied and associated powers have every intention of respecting. As regards information about the missing, the allied and associated powers have always endeavored to supply the German government with all information in their possession on the subject, and they will certainly continue to do so after peace is signed.

Concerning the third question, they would point out that articles 225 and 228 would appear to assure to the German people that the graves of their fellow citizens shall be respected and properly maintained and that so far as is practicable under clause 225 the bodies of their soldiers and sailors may be transferred to their own country.

Reciprocity Claim Denied. "In regard to the German request for complete reciprocity, the representatives of the allied and associated powers have to state that it is necessary to include article 222, in view of the treatment which their own nationals have received while interned in Germany during the war. As there was no parallel between the treatment which was accorded to prisoners of war by the German government and the allied and associated powers on the other, no claim for reciprocity in this respect can arise.

In regard to the third question, the representatives of the allied and associated powers are ready to do everything possible to repatriate German prisoners of war and interned civilians properly fed and in good condition, after the conclusion of peace. They regret, however, that the present demands on them for the territories recently liberated from the German yoke, as well as from their own nationals, will probably make it impossible for them to supply the prisoners of war with clothing, etc., for which the German delegation asks.

Germanus Must First Sign. "Finally, in regard to the appointment of a commission to deal with the repatriation of prisoners of war, the representatives of the allied and associated powers would like to see set up such commissions immediately upon the signing of the treaty of peace. They regret, however, that they do not see the plenipotentiaries of the German empire to sign peace.

"I avail myself, etc., etc." (Signed) "G. CLEMENCEAU."

Admen Plan for Convention. SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—The San Francisco Advertising club is busy today on plans for the delegation which it will name to attend the Pacific Coast Advertising Convention to be held next month in Portland. The club was addressed yesterday by Sydney B. Vincent, chief of the news service department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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