

TELEPHONE GIRLS STRIKE SUDDENLY

Company Officials Say Nothing Locally at Issue.

MOVE HELD SYMPATHETIC

Union Heads Declare Wages and Working Conditions Not at All Satisfactory Here.

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ble time for Sundays or holidays, and flatly refuses back pay to January 1, as well as declining to consider the two weeks' vacation proposal.

Mr. Phillips of the company, directing attention to the new wage schedule, said that it was his opinion that it represented the joint work of employers and employees at the San Francisco conference, and said that he understood that the only point at issue was that of how many years' service would be required to attain the maximum wage.

The company had consented to five years' service before the maximum wage is attained, said Mr. Phillips, though its original stand had been for seven years. Under the schedule quoted by Mr. Phillips the maximum wage is to be \$15, reached after five years' employment. The operators have demanded a maximum of \$14 at the end of two years' employment.

A proposal of the company to send employee delegates to the San Francisco conference is summarily rejected in a message received yesterday from Julia O'Connor, international president of the operators' union, as well as by members of the local union.

Company Delegates Barred.

"The strike order affecting the northwest is hereby sanctioned," runs this communication. "I advise a firm stand on retroactive pay, adjustment bond and substantial wages increase. Have advised that if the company selected delegates, or seated them in the conference, that union delegates would withdraw."

The electrical workers, who were voting on strike action last night, declare that they lived up to the letter of their war time agreement not to strike and patiently waited for relief from Burlington, without receiving recognition. Concerning Burlington heavily, they point to existing conditions with the comment: "This is the result."

"The Macy board awarded us a minimum wage of \$6.10 a day, the same as in the case of the shipyard workers," said T. C. Lowry, business agent of the union. "We have never received it, nor have we ever been given adequate reasons why the award of the board was not complied with. Both Burlington and the company have been silent on that point."

Phillips Makes Statement.

"We will do our best to maintain service and to replace those who go out," said W. J. Phillips, of the company. "The situation is unfortunate in that there has been nothing to warrant a strike. I am informed that the only controversy arose over the term of years before maximum pay should become effective. And we yielded the point at that, from seven to five years. The operators have demanded three years. I know that it is said that the demand was for two years, but I am informed that the sentiment was to accept a compromise of three years."

"Stories to the effect that we have discriminated between union and non-union employees are without basis. We do not ask a girl who belongs to the union or not, and she is advanced according to her capabilities."

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Question Up to Burlington.

"It is obvious that we cannot grant the retroactive pay demand. We have not the power. The matter must be referred to Mr. Burlington before we would be permitted to incur any extra expense for the government."

Miss Mahle Lester, of the telephone operators' department of the Eastern union, who is now on the Pacific coast side in directing the strike, arrived in Portland yesterday and passed the day at headquarters in the Seillon-Hirsch building. She addressed a meeting of telephone operators held last night at the union hall, when the strike situation was explained to the girls.

"The situation is splendid," said Miss Lester, yesterday afternoon. "I have every reason to believe that the strike will be successful and my observations here today convince me that the majority of Portland operators have answered the call."

Wage compromise Offered.

Following the wage compromise offered by the company to operators and electrical workers, which falls short of meeting the demands for which the two unions are contending:

	Day operator	Evening operator	Day supervisor	Evening supervisor
Minimum	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
Maximum	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Yearly	\$144.00	\$168.00	\$216.00	\$240.00
Monthly	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
Weekly	\$2.88	\$3.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
Daily	.44	.53	.68	.76

Construction team (in charge of more than ten men) \$17.50 per month.
Gang foreman (in charge of ten men or less) \$12.00 per month.
Headman (in charge of two or less men) \$8.25 per day.
Cable splicer, \$5.00 per day.
Lineboarder, \$6.00 per day.
Switchboard repairman, \$6 per day.
Station installer, \$6 per day.
Cable tester, \$6 per day.
Inspector, \$8 per day.
Time and station repairman, \$6 per day.
Repairman, \$6 per day.

Service Badly Delayed.

Though company officials said that service was being maintained, there was ample evidence that it was not. For the most part, for central to answer were so exasperatingly lengthy that subscribers frequently gave up without receiving their connection. The situation early in the day was worse in the downtown exchanges, with "Main" and "Marshall" numbers, than in the districts served by the outlying exchanges.

Late yesterday afternoon, strike exchanges had been tied up almost as effectively as had the main office. There were occasional arrivals of girls from the residence district stations, reporting that the walkout had been successful to the point of greatly reducing service.

Free Operators Remain.

Supervisors who remained on the job, together with girls who did not go out, and with substitute operators hastily pressed into duty by the company, maintained the service to some degree, but the subscriber found marked difference between the ordinary promptness with which calls are answered, and the lengthy delays that were the rule yesterday and last night. It was rumored last night that the first importation of strikebreakers had occurred with the arrival of five operators from Oregon City, girls

from outside exchanges, according to the report, are being brought to Portland by auto and train.

The company has installed an auto service for employees and strikebreakers, conveying them to and from their homes. Gathered about each exchange are the pickets, with a sally for every operator who goes or comes in the service of the company.

Fire and Police Calls First.

There are police there, as a matter of course, but the bluecoats are having the sinuere of their careers. Assurance that attention would be given to service for the police and fire departments and to hospitals was given Mayor Baker yesterday by officials of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

The Mayor held that as a matter of protection to the city it was imperative that this service be guaranteed.

SEATTLE STRIKERS ARE FIRM

800 Operators and 130 Electrical Workers Remain Out.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 30.—By union leaders' statements 800 telephone operators and 130 electrical workers employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company were on strike today to enforce wage demands. The company officials declined to make any statement, except to say that 330 electrical workers were on strike today. The list and that today's impaired service probably would be improved tomorrow. Mayor Ole Hanson today urged residents to use the fire alarm boxes instead of telephones when reporting fires during the strike. The mayor's action today followed announcement by Fire Marshal J. W. Brinkman that on account of the operators' strike, a fire alarm yesterday failed to reach the fire department in time for the removal of a two-story residence burning building, a two-story residence.

1800 WORKERS CALLED OUT

Additional Strikers Expected to Join Ranks of Idle Today.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 30.—Eighteen hundred men and women members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, employed as operators and linemen in Washington and Oregon, will strike tomorrow morning, according to an announcement made today by Secretary Charles P. Ford of the electrical workers' union. Mr. Ford said the strike was being called in sympathy with striking electrical workers in California and Nevada. Mr. Ford said it was possible the strike order would be extended to Arizona, the only remaining state in the Pacific coast district that has not been affected.

TACOMA VOTING ON STRIKE

Telephone Girls Not Organized, But May Join Walkout.

TACOMA, Wash., June 30.—Electrical workers of Tacoma are voting tonight on whether to join the strike of the telephone girls. The girls are on strike of telephone operators. The local strike, if called, will include electrical workers employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the women operators employed by the company who are not officially organized here. Final result of this vote is not expected until after midnight tonight.

Strike Hits St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 30.—Telephone service virtually was at a standstill here today as a result of the strike of girl telephone operators for the closed shop and better wages and working conditions. Officials of the Kinloch system refused to meet the girls' demands at a conference called by officials of the Bell company Saturday.

Medford Phones in Use.

MEDFORD, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—There was no walkout today in the local telephone exchange and the service was carried on by the men and Robert Hammond said that if the strike becomes general he expects a walkout here, but has arranged for substitutes and anticipates no serious crippling of the service.

PLANE FAILS TO APPEAR

Engagement of Helen McCormack and George Colton Announced.

Formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen McCormack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McCormack of Spokane, and Ensign George Colton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Colton of this city, is creating great interest in University of Oregon circles in Portland and throughout the state. Ensign Colton and Ensign Colton attended the university at Eugene, being members of the class of 1917, and it was while at college that their romance began.

Notice Not Given of Accident Which Put War Savings Stamp Filer Out of Commission.

THE DALLIES, June 30.—(Special.)—Probably there was never a more disappointing day in the history of this city and country adjacent today, when the much-heralded Curtiss airplane, flying under the auspices of the war savings stamp committee of Oregon, failed to put in an appearance.

Starting at an early hour this morning, people for miles around this city flocked to town to see their first airplane, which was slated to arrive shortly after noon today. It was not until nearly 1 o'clock that information was received from Portland that the plane had been disabled and could not appear here. This city has never been visited by a ship of the air, and many persons were disappointed at the non-appearance of the craft today.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Hundreds of citizens, most of them from the remote sections of the valley and some from Washington county, assembled at the designated landing field today hoping to see the first plane to arrive in Hood River. The plane did not come. Some of the disappointed sightseers had traveled 25 miles.

According to the stories, the air flight was to have been made from Portland in Baker to deliver war savings stamp messages. It appears that the promoters failed to give publicity to an accident that put out of commission the plane to have been used in the much-heralded flight.

HIGHWAY ROUTING WANTED

Onalaska Residents Desire New National Park Road.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—The Chehalis Citizens' club today named a committee composed of Dan W. Bush, George R. Shibley and A. S. Cory to work with similar committees from Centralia and Onalaska to secure the routing of the National Park highway from the Pacific highway via Onalaska, thence to Salkoma, Silver Creek and Mayfield. The Centralia Commercial club will be asked to name a committee to co-operate along this line.

The action followed the presentation of the matter by W. A. Cavale, A. J. Martin and Henry Hall of Onalaska. A river grade route, with plenty of material for road construction, together with a fair greater population to be served is the chief argument in favor of the proposed route.

Resident of Albany Dead.

ALBANY, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—G. C. Moon, resident of Albany for many years, died yesterday at Pullman, Wash., where he was visiting his son, Arthur Moon. The funeral will be held here Wednesday.

HIGHWAY PAVEMENT HELD TO BE FAULTY

Immediate Investigation of Salem-Aurora Road Called.

PAYMENT ORDERED HALTED

Blake-Compton Company Said to Have 'Skimped' Material and Inspectors to Have Passed It.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—

Immediate investigation of the paving of the Salem-Aurora stretch of paving of the Pacific highway was ordered today by the state highway commission, and a further investigation was ordered of the work of the inspection division on this section of the highway. This action was taken following complaint of a farmer living near Gervais, and a brief investigation by members of the engineering force of the commission.

The paving, which is being laid by the Blake-Compton company of McMinnville, is supposed to be of five-inch, non-patched hard-surface material. Investigations already made show that the paving varies from three to 4½ inches, the report to the commission says, and that it is not mixed according to specifications. The Blake-Compton company's bid on the job was \$153,812. Until the investigation is made and a report prepared, the June estimates have been held up, and the contracting company will get no payment for the work it has done during the past month. All work on the road has been ordered stopped until the inquiry is completed. The road is a post road, the federal government is paying half the cost of construction, and the state paying the balance.

Engineers of the highway commission have reported that the mixing machine used by the contractors is defective and that it does not deliver paving material in proper proportions. This stretch of road work is the only contract from the state which the Blake-Compton company has been awarded.

66 SOLDIERS DUE TODAY

Two Small Contingents Will Have Four-Hour Visit.

Two more contingents of soldiers will arrive in Portland today on their way to Camp Lewis for discharge. Both groups are from Newport News and both will arrive on the 12:30 train. One group composed of 40 men left a day earlier than the other group of 26 men. The larger group was scheduled to arrive yesterday evening, but was delayed on the way.

The men will be extended the usual Portland hospitality, with a luncheon at the Benson, swimming accommodations and theater tickets and then both groups will leave on the 4 o'clock train for Camp Lewis.

Yesterday 78 men were guests of the city for three hours and a half, arriving at 12:30 and leaving at 4. In the contingent were 47 from Columbus, S. C., and 31 from Camp Mills. They were tendered luncheon at the Benson and given tickets for the afternoon theaters.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a contingent of 44 men arrived from Camp Lewis for the Presidio in a regular troop movement. They left at 8 P. M. and during their stay were entertained at the depot by the Salvation Army depot canteen and the Red Cross canteen workers.

POPULAR COUPLE TO WED

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The wedding has been announced for July 12 at Spokane, only relatives and intimate friends being invited. Ensign Colton expects to bring his bride to Portland to make their future home. Miss McCormack is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and her fiancé belongs to the Sigma Nu fraternity.

He left the university during his senior year following the declaration of war by the United States to enlist in the navy. While in college he was particularly active in journalism circles.

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YOUTH PUZZLE TO JURIST

JUDGE STAPLETON SENTENCES CHATFIELD TO PENITENTIARY.

Term of One Month to Two Years Imposed—Governor Asked to Investigate Case and Act.

After considering what he declared to be the most difficult criminal case he had ever been called upon to decide, Presiding Judge Stapleton yesterday sentenced Clay Chatfield, a 20-year-old youth who was indicted on five serious charges last week, to from one month to two years in the penitentiary. Relatives and others were present to plead for the young man, who stood defiant and sullen.

"You are not penitent, and you do not deserve a great deal of clemency," Judge Stapleton told him. "You have broken faith and committed more serious crimes than Lloyd Davis, just sentenced to from one to three years in the penitentiary."

Chatfield was implicated in the "heft" of an automobile for the collection of insurance, several similar attempts, and the wholesale robbery of a downtown merchant. Chatfield was placed in charge of a shop while the manager was in the east, and in conspiracy with others backed a truck up to the establishment and took away goods valued at more than \$1500.

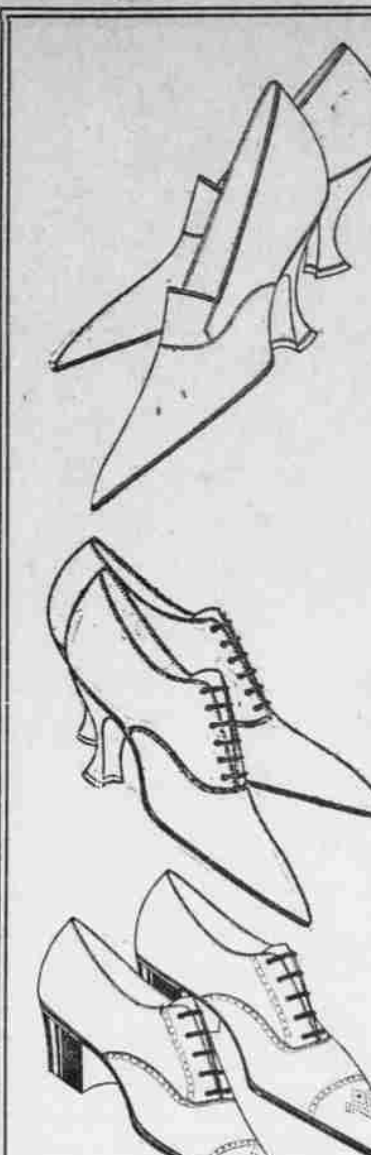
SECRET DEAL IS CHARGED

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ACCUSED.

Collusion With Telephone Company Regarding Rate Increases Alleged by Attorney.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—Charging the public service commission with entering into private conference with the telephone company before public hearing was given and reaching in advance its decision to grant rate increases, Tom Kennedy, assistant corporation counsel, has prepared a brief in appeal to the supreme court from the decision of the Thurston county superior court upholding the commission's action.

"The statute granted the appellant the right to a hearing, but a hearing was denied," says the appeal. "There was a proceeding, where the commission 'went through the motions' and by colorable pretense confirmed its private



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LAND SOUGHT FOR RANGE

Government's Offer of \$6000 Is Refused by Owner.

Whether 40 acres of land at Clackamas station which the government desires for a rifle range will be acquired for the sum of \$2000, or will be retained by the present owner, or bring a higher figure, will be determined today in federal court, when the condemnation proceedings which the government has filed will be taken up. The land adjoins the present rifle range and was desired by the government in order to increase the capacity of the present range. The government was willing to pay \$2000, but Michael E. Gaffney, present owner, thought the land was worth \$6000.

COACH CLEARED BY WOMAN

Mrs. John Camenson Becomes Insane While Aboard Train.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Camenson of Salem became violently insane en route to Seattle yesterday and, upon reaching Roseburg, was taken from the train by officers and placed in charge of a nurse until her relatives could be communicated with. Before reaching Roseburg the woman drove all occupants of the car out onto the platform and threatened to shoot them.

She appeared to be traveling alone.

LABOR BUREAU WILL STAND

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE MAY BE EXTENDED.

Oregon Roosevelt Highway Delegation in Washington Working for Hawley Appropriation Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 30.—There will be no suspension of the government employment service in Oregon as the result of the agreement between senate and house conferees to the senate provision in the sundry bill appropriating \$400,000 to help the jobless. Not only will the office be maintained in Portland, but it is possible that there may be some extension of the service in the state. Letters and telegrams have been coming to the Oregon congressional delegation for several days from their constituents urging them to support legislation to retain the employment service. Pressure will be brought to bear to get action soon from congress on Representative Hawley's bill authorizing an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the Roosevelt highway on the Oregon coast. B. F. Jones of Newport, Or.,

Legal Holiday Is Set.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 30.—By proclamation of Governor Hart today Saturday morning, July 1, is declared a legal holiday. Numerous petitions requested this action.

Portland Couple Get License.

TACOMA, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—James H. Penland and Emma Barlow, both of Portland, today obtained a marriage license in Tacoma.

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