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PRICE FIVE CENTS

HAVOC IS CHARGED TO PHONE RATES

Lack of Improvement in Service Is Asserted.

REHEARING OF CASE OPENS

Farmers Get First Chance to Testify at Salem.

EXCHANGE TOLLS ARE HIT

Attempt to Prevent Session on Ground That Service Commission Lacked Power Fails.

SALEM, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Increased telephone rates without improvement in telephone service and discrimination against certain exchanges through the establishment of toll exchange rates which did not exist prior to March 1, 1921, are playing havoc with business enterprises of these cities, according to testimony offered before the public service commission at the rehearing of the telephone rate case, which opened today.

The entire morning session of the hearing was occupied by an effort of John H. McNary, representing the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, to prevent the hearing from rehearing of the rate case on the grounds that the public service commission lacked statutory right to grant a rehearing after its decision had become effective.

Move to Block Hearing Fails.

Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson, representing the city of Portland at the hearing, produced sections of the public utility act to show that the commission is empowered to modify, rescind or amend any of its orders, if proper notice is given to the public utility affected and a hearing is held.

Chairman Williams of the commission announced, following noon adjournment, that the commission would not pass upon the legal question raised by counsel of the telephone company at this time, but would proceed with the hearing. He announced also that Salem had been selected as the place for the hearing because of the desire of many farmers to testify and that, inasmuch as Salem is a central point, it would be more convenient for them to come to Salem than to travel to Portland.

Farmers Get First Chance.

"The members of this commission have no desire to block anyone from giving testimony. We feel that the farmers, who are in the height of a busy season, should be given first consideration. Therefore, unless there is serious objection, we will first hear the testimony of the farmers and telephone subscribers throughout the state, then the evidence to be presented by the city of Portland, and then the testimony of the representatives of the Oregon Hotel Men's association which is in."

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PASTOR ADVISES MEN NOT TO WED MOODY GIRLS.

Woman Who Smokes Is Not Worth While and Painted One Is Spoiled, Says Minister.

NEW YORK, July 18.—(Special.)—Girls ought to dress as well as they can afford, and in good taste, but modestly, in the opinion of Rev. Frank MacDonald, of the First Baptist church, Paterson, who discussed feminine smoking and face decoration and gave tips to the parents and to young men picking out wives, in his sermon yesterday.

"If all girls would make or help to make their own dresses and use what they save by such work to buy better grades of material for their frocks they would be practicing real economy," he said.

"I shall never ask any girl to repeat in the marriage ceremony the word 'obey.' That is not a woman's duty. She should be tender and true, devoted, faithful and a staunch and clear-headed partner in the domestic firm, not merely an obedient subordinate.

"Women were not put on this earth to be mere doll babies or playthings. They should not be slaves to their husbands any more than slaves to fashion or the so-called 'smart' practices of their day and hour. The smoking girl does not really belong in an ideal of young womanhood that is worth while.

"Girls, don't marry for a home. Don't marry for a woman's money or his other possessions, though it is necessary that the man should be able properly to support his wife before he takes one.

"Pick out a man whom you are certain you can trust, one you can depend on for true love and devotion in good times and bad, in health and in sickness, in sorrow and in joy, and you will never need to smoke or paint your face or dress better than you can afford, to have a happy home and a life of peace and joy.

"Most of the girls who smear their faces with complexion paints and are slaves to fashions are spoiled children of foolish parents, particularly of foolish mothers. They are not the sort who make contented husbands or happy wives.

"Girls, when you marry keep out of debt. Do not be extravagant. Try to be wiser on a fifty-fifty basis, just as if you were partners with your husband in a commercial enterprise. He is entitled to it and so are you.

"Young men will find that the tender, modest, sane girl is the most promising for a good wife. Don't marry a moody girl. Get a girl with a happy disposition, but don't expect her to be bright and cheerful every morning of her life. That isn't human."

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DEFICIENCY FAR EXCEEDS PREVIOUS ESTIMATE.

Chairman Lasker Makes Announcement After Examination of All Fleet Accounts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—Operations of the shipping board's fleet for the fiscal year just ended resulted in a loss of approximately \$380,000,000, Chairman Lasker of the board announced today. This deficit was greater by approximately \$280,000,000 than previous estimates from official sources and was made following an examination of all board accounts.

The government's venture in the merchant marine business last year involved a total expenditure of \$680,000,000 so far as could be ascertained from the board's books, which Mr. Lasker declared are in bad shape. The new chairman estimated that it would cost the government \$300,000,000 to carry on operation of the fleet this year.

A deficiency appropriation of \$150,000,000 for the shipping board will be asked in a few days, Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee today informed the senate.

"The situation there is critical," said Senator Jones, adding that the proposed appropriation was designed to save several hundreds of millions. The appropriation, he said, was an obligation taken over from the last administration.

In stating that an examination of the books showed that \$380,000,000 had been expended from the public funds of the shipping board last year, Mr. Lasker said this "revealed an astounding case of deception to the country and congress."

"The president was astonished and dismayed that such a condition could exist when I laid these figures before him this afternoon, but he wanted me to give the public the facts," he added.

Total expenditures over receipts appeared to be approximately \$380,000,000, Mr. Lasker said, instead of \$98,618,571.11, as previously shown by the board's books.

A commercial concern operating on a similar basis would have been in the hands of a receiver some time ago, the chairman asserted, stating also that he knew this state of affairs was not the fault of Admiral Benson, ex-chairman of the board, nor of Controller Tweeddale. He said that it was due to the system started during the war, and continued until recently. The money which is unaccounted for was said by the chairman to have been disbursed by operators of government-owned boats for which a full accounting has not been made.

The chairman further asserted that of 9000 voyages made only 3000 had been accounted for and that 200 auditors were now working on the books of these operators to find out what happened.

A balance sheet of the shipping board's books classified receipts from operation of ships, \$208,000,000; from appropriation, \$100,000,000; from balance on hand July 1, 1920, \$58,000,000; (Concluded on Page 3, Column 4.)

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Deputy Sheriffs, Policemen and Armed Citizens Help Get Outbreak Under Control.

PITTSBURG, July 18.—Prisoners in the western penitentiary here today fired four buildings and for a time kept the institution in an uproar, while prison guards, deputy sheriffs and policemen, reinforced by armed citizens, fought to put down the disorder. Six convicts were shot and two others cut. Prison officials said three or four of the wounded would likely die.

The outbreak, timed to start with the ringing of the first fire gong, began in the dining room. Some 600 prisoners had just taken their seats in the dining room when one of them sent a soup bowl careening down one of the long tables. Instantly the room was in an uproar. At the same moment the fire gong sounded an alarm from the construction shop, the linen shop, the kitchen and the chapel.

The guards in the dining room tried to quell the outbreak, but the maddened prisoners pelted them with table ware, all the time shrieking and howling. The city firemen were called, while riot calls were sent in for the police.

The dining room guards regained, in part, their control and forced some of the men back to their cells, but 200 or more dashed for the prison yard and when faced by other guards, backed into a building and ran for the top of a tier of cells. They pelted the guards, now reinforced by every available man in the prison, with bricks, stones from the wall. Deputy sheriffs and police from every precinct arrived and the prisoners were driven to their cells. They signalled their reincarceration by breaking windows, shrieking and howling.

Within two hours the fire was under control, but still a number of buildings had been destroyed, with an estimated loss of \$50,000.

John M. Egan, parole officer, said the outbreak was the result of a peevishness against the institution, 1125 prisoners confined in the institution.

About 800 of these, he said, were long-term men, many of them desperate criminals.

First tangible evidence of unrest appeared two weeks ago, when two prisoners and a warden were hurt during a fight in the dining room. Yesterday one prisoner sandbagged another while the prisoners were at drill in the enclosure, in the hope, he said, that the guards would be confused and a break for liberty would be successful. The guards, however, kept their heads. The fires today, Mr. Egan added, were evidently of incendiary origin, and the signal which the prisoners in the dining room did not overlook was arranged.

So many cell locks were broken that tonight poked men from the Pittsburg police were put on guard in the corridors, while outside the streets were heavily patrolled.

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Two men in the state who had been particularly bitter in their denunciation of the administration are said to have written letters to the other editors and advised them to stay away from the meeting. These two men were Frank Seffert, editor and owner of the Bellingham Evening News, and J. Kaynor, of the Ellensburg Daily Capital. However, a few days after the meeting had been held in Olympia, Wash., Seffert, who is the president of the Washington State Press association, sent out a call for the meeting to be held at Paradise Inn, on Mount Rainier. The call was signed by two other men, one of whom was Kaynor.

Discussion Is Cut Off.

An attempt was made to inject into the meeting of the state press association the question of the policy of the state administration, but this was not successful and the printed reports that would seem to signify an "editorial uprising" emanate mainly from the statements of Seffert made to reporters of big city dailies in attendance at the meeting. What the press association really did was to cut off discussion of a topic which it felt had no place in the state association by a motion to adjourn. This was done and another meeting of the association is to be held by call, if the republican state committee cares to meet with them.

Governor Hart has remained quiet throughout all the attacks that have been made on him. The statement of the governor to his friends has been that he did not care to enter into a controversy through the papers of the state over a matter of his personal expenditures; that they were provided by law and that he had taken no liberties to which he was not entitled.

Governor Urged to Reply.

The advisers of Governor Hart and the men who have been prominent in the republican party are now urging him to make known the real facts which he behind the