

MAY OPPOSE RISE IN PHONE RATES

Washington Commission Intimates Increases Should Be Spread Over Coast.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 13.—In a telegram addressed to Postmaster General Burleson relative to the new schedule of rates filed by the telephone companies operating in the state of Washington the public service commission Tuesday expressed the opinion that patrons of the telephone companies are willing to pay any necessary increased costs in order to obtain efficient service, but felt itself bound to oppose the increase if the revenues thus obtained are used to bolster up the service in other Pacific coast states.

In the report of H. D. Pillsbury, representing the postoffice department in the investigation of the conditions back of the demand for a new schedule which amounts to an increase of 18 per cent above existing rates, it is shown that increases demanded by exchange operators amounting to 20 per cent and increased costs of other labor and of material has more than absorbed the earnings of the company as allowed by the commission in 1915.

The new schedule, which applies to the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of Spokane, and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, governs all exchanges operated by those companies in the state of Washington. The telegram to Postmaster General Burleson says in part:

"It would be unbecoming of this commission to question the integrity of those who are acting for you, especially when our general information is such as to lead us to the conclusion that the operating revenues and expenses of these properties are not far apart. We know that the operators are demanding, and of right are entitled to, an increase in pay, and that in the absence of such increase the telephone service, which at the present time, is exceedingly bad, will become absolutely demoralized. Telephone patrons in this state are demanding an efficient service and we question not that they are willing to pay all necessary increased costs which increased costs will, in our opinion, continue for some time even though the war is now happily and gloriously ended.

"We, however, should regret your act and would feel bound to vigorously protest if you should see fit to increase the rates here and not in other coast states and use the revenues collected in this commonwealth to maintain a better service elsewhere."

Houston Repudiates Figures Given as to Grain Growing Cost

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—The department of agriculture is unable to give the accurate information on the cost of producing wheat and other grains in the United States.

This was the reply of Secretary of Agriculture Houston Tuesday to a resolution by the senate requesting cost of production figures. Secretary Houston repudiated figures submitted to the senate committee on agriculture by officials of the bureau of farm management which tended to show that in many parts of the country wheat could not be produced and marketed at less than the present price of \$2.20 a bushel.

Month's Furlough for Fighters Is Proposed

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—All officers and enlisted men of the United States fighting forces would be given a month's furlough with full pay before being discharged under a bill presented in the senate this afternoon by Senator Trammell of Florida. The purpose of the bill is to give men who are discharged or whose resignations are accepted an opportunity to secure positions in private life before being taken off the government payroll.

HUN PRISONERS AT ST. QUENTIN WAITING TO BE QUESTIONED



Hun prisoners during the heavy fighting north of St. Quentin resting while waiting to be questioned by French intelligence officers. Note the tank in the background which has been abandoned temporarily.

Student Army Corps At University Will Continue Its Work

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 13.—The S. A. T. C. of the University of Oregon will be continued in its present form during the 30-day period of the armistice, according to telegraphic orders received by Colonel W. H. C. Bowen from the war department. After that, it was said, there might be some modification in the arrangements.

The general opinion at the university, however, is that the organization will be continued in something like its present form throughout the present college year.

The 42 men of the S. A. T. C. who have just been recommended by Colonel Bowen for entrance to the infantry officers' training school at Camp Fremont probably will not be ordered to report, as a dispatch from the western headquarters of the army at San Francisco this morning says that all arrangements for the school which was to open on December 1, have been revoked.

Civil War Veteran, Resident of Eugene Since 1884, Is Dead

Eugene, Nov. 13.—George W. Cochran, a veteran of the Civil war and a pioneer resident of Eugene, died at his home here Monday following a short illness. He was 78 years old and since 1884 had lived in Eugene.

Mr. Cochran was a native of Andam county, Ill., later moving to Lawrence county, Miss. He served with company G, 133d Illinois infantry, during the Civil war, having twice volunteered his services.

Mr. Cochran was married at Quincy, Ill., to Mary E. Senner, August 15, 1878. They resided in Springfield, Miss., until coming to Eugene in 1884. The deceased is survived by his widow, a brother, J. A. Cochran of Mount Vernon, Miss., and four nephews, two of whom reside at Hood River and two at Carthage, Miss. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Pendleton Business Man "Flu" Victim

Pendleton, Nov. 13.—Charles E. Heard, prominent Pendleton insurance man and real estate dealer, died here Tuesday after a short illness with influenza, followed by pneumonia.

Accident Fatal to Bridge Gateman Is Held Unavoidable

The coroner's jury returned a verdict Monday night that Dan Campion, Burnside bridge gate tender, met his death on the night of November 9 in an unavoidable accident. Campion sustained a fractured skull, dying at St. Vincent's hospital a few minutes later, when he was knocked down by the bridge gate, which was struck by an automobile driven by Lewis C. Garrigues Jr.

An inquest was held at 8 o'clock last night to determine the cause of the death of Henry Froning of Oregon City, who was killed by a switch engine Monday in the terminal yards.

No inquest will be held into the death of MacArthur Williams, according to Chief Deputy Coroner Goetsch. The boy was killed Sunday by the automobile of D. P. Newman, near Sixty-ninth and Division streets.

Soldiers Take Red Flags From Socialist Paraders in Gotham

New York, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—Several Socialists were injured when soldiers and sailors, reinforced by civilians, protested against their parading with the red flag.

The Mooney Defense league was marching to Carnegie hall, where they had a meeting in behalf of Tom Mooney, the California labor leader now under sentence of death for alleged participation in the San Francisco preparedness parade bomb plot.

J. Edward Morgan of San Francisco, who has made several tours of the country in the interest of Mooney, was knocked senseless in the riot which resulted when the boys in khaki and blue bannisters the banners from the marchers and tore down the red flags.

Berger Asks for Change of Venue

Chicago, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—Change of venue was asked for Tuesday for Victor Berger and four other Socialist leaders indicted here on charge of violating the espionage act. Seymour Stedman, attorney for the Socialist leaders, in asking the change, declared Federal Judge Landis had expressed hatred of the Germans. This alleged prejudice, Stedman said, would injure the chances of the defendants, who are of Germanic or Austrian extraction. The motion will be argued Monday.

Clark Practically Assured of Post As House Leader

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—Election of Speaker Clark to Democratic leadership in the next congress is practically assured. There has been considerable question as to whether Clark or Claude Kitchin, present Democratic floor leader, would get the place. Asked concerning the minority floor leadership today, Clark said:

"The man nominated for speaker, is always minority leader."

Kitchin said exactly the same thing and added that he would put up no contest for the office.

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Man Killed While Riding Behind Auto

Lewiston, Idaho, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—Hurled from a big coal scuttle on which he had been riding dizzily while it was dragged behind an automobile as a peace celebration stunt, Martin Sanchez, a farmhand, sustained injuries from which he died Tuesday. Sanchez leaped on the "trailer" as it passed through the streets. He clung to it until the automobile suddenly rounded a corner. He was thrown against a telegraph pole and his skull fractured.

Pershing Reports Fighting Has Ceased

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—"In accordance with the terms of the armistice, hostilities on the front of the American armies were suspended at 11 o'clock this morning." So read General Pershing's one hundred and ninety-seventh and probably last communique, made public by the war department Tuesday afternoon.

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CENTRAL POWERS FACE PROBLEM OF PAYING BIG CLAIMS

New Austrian States Expected to Repudiate Debts of War Makers; Many Billions Involved.

QUESTION CLOSELY STUDIED

Possible Sacrifice of Territorial Expansion, Military and Naval Strength May Be Result.

By Joseph N. Quinn

Washington, Nov. 13.—What will the entente allies and their European associates demand from the central powers as reparation for the losses suffered by them in the war and how is Germany prepared to make this reparation? Austria is bankrupt and disintegrating into states which will repudiate the debts of the war makers.

These are questions that are receiving a great deal of attention and study in the national capital since the signing of the armistice.

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Claims High in Billions
This is within \$13,650,000,000 of the present total wealth of the United States, now estimated at \$250,000,000,000. And that is not the entire list. There are other items of individual claims against the central powers that may add several billions to the grand total.

The totals herein enumerated are made up of the individual claims of the nations involved as follows:

Cost of the war to entente and associates:	
United Kingdom	\$ 65,000,000,000
France	25,000,000,000
Russia	15,000,000,000
Belgium	10,000,000,000
Italy	10,000,000,000
Portugal	5,000,000,000
Total	\$145,000,000,000
Property losses in their territories:	
United Kingdom, in air raids and bombardments	\$ 50,000,000,000
France	25,000,000,000
Russia	15,000,000,000
Belgium	10,000,000,000
Italy	10,000,000,000
Portugal	5,000,000,000
Total	\$ 115,000,000,000
Losses at sea of neutrals and allies:	
Shipping	\$ 2,187,000,000
Cargoes	2,813,000,000
Total	\$ 5,000,000,000
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How can Germany possibly pay this bill. The cyclopedia of statistics places her total wealth at only \$65,000,000,000. The figures are for the year 1910 and that wealth has been largely expended on the war.

Her currency has depreciated as its gold basis has diminished. Her industries are prostrate and her people are weak and low in energy as a result of nearly five years of deprivation and short rations.

There is in the minds of men high in the councils of state here only one way in which Germany can reduce her war burden to bearable and livable proportions.

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These Boys Wore Masks, but Not On Their Faces

"Why didn't you boys wear your 'flue' masks as ordered?" This was the question put to a number of Eastern Oregon drafted men, who arrived in Portland Monday night en route to Camp Lewis, the men having entrained before the order cancelling the general calls was received from the provost marshal general.

"We are wearing our masks," put in several of the draftees. To prove it they pulled up their trousers and sure enough, the masks were tied around their legs.

A question as to why they wore them brought the answer, "The order did not say where to wear them."

The men were sent home yesterday morning after having been housed at the Imperial hotel Monday night.

able proportions and that is by the sacrifice of her colonies and those national belongings which are tremendously expensive to maintain and which will become unnecessary to her as a result of a league of nations—her warships and her military establishment.

There is thus held out the hope that she may recover her economic power and financial strength through the sacrifice of the cause of the war—her territorial expansion and her military and naval might.

Rooming House and Store in St. Johns Damaged by Fire

Fire, the cause of which is unknown did about \$1500 damage Tuesday morning to the rooming house and store of L. W. Lear, 615 Baltimore street, St. Johns. The fire started in the confectionery store and spread rapidly to the temporary building to the rooming quarters above. The Grant Smith-Porter volunteer fire department and engine 22 extinguished the flames. The contents are partially insured. The store has been closed the last few days on account of death in the family.

Backfire from a furnace at the home of E. B. Barker, 1312 Thompson street, did about \$35 damage, according to the fire marshal. The wood-lift was destroyed. Fires occurred Monday at 234 Williams avenue and 1278 Tenth street. The damage was small.

Censorship on Ship Movements Removed

Washington, Nov. 13.—In a statement issued to the press Tuesday Secretary of the Navy Daniels said that the restrictions which had been placed upon the publication of news regarding the arrivals and departures of vessels and other news of merchant shipping may be safely removed.

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Netherlands Expels Bolshevik Agents

London, Nov. 13.—Representatives of the Bolshevik government are reported to have been expelled from Holland and diplomatic relations broken off, following the discovery that a revolution was brewing.

George Ade Is Near Death at His Home

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 13.—George Ade, author and playwright, is critically ill at his home at Brook and physicians despair of his life. He was graduated from Purdue university in 1882 and from Yale in 1886.

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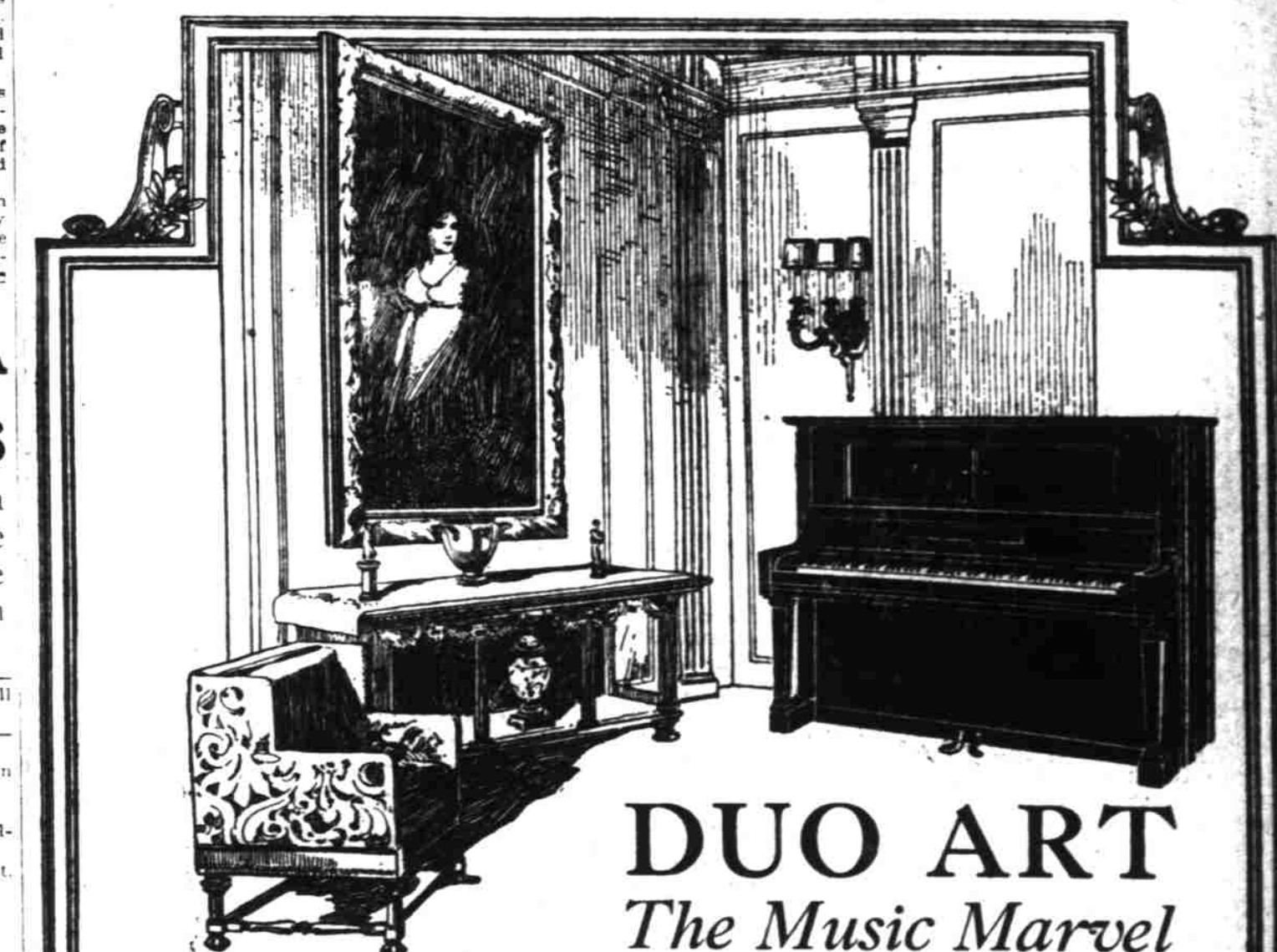
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