

CHARGES OF BAD SERVICE AND BIG RATES ARE MADE

Opposition to Bell System's Application for Increase in Rates Brings Forth Many Protests.

COMPANY RESTS ITS CASE

Conditions at the Dalles "Rot-ten," Says Witness; City Asks Denial of the Request.

That the telephone service in The Dalles is "absolutely rotten" was the statement made by Attorney Paul Dalles, representing the citizens and business men of that community before the public service commission Monday upon resumption of the hearing of the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for permission to increase rates, adjourned from last December.

"We are not getting our money's worth now," said Childers after being sworn, "and I am here to protest against being made to pay any more."

"Out of 20 calls made one day, by actual count, central gave me wrong number 12 times. Frequently subscribers have to wait three minutes and longer before they can get central at all."

Waited Ten Minutes
"On one particular occasion, I myself waited for central 10 minutes by my watch which lay before me."

L. P. Bennett, representing the grievance committee of the electrical workers, testified to an agreement between the telephone company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He said that no demand had been made on the company for an increase of wages for the year 1918, but that a demand had been made for an increase to take effect January 1, 1919. His testimony was offered by Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson to offset the plea of the company for an increase in rates to take care of a demand for an increase.

R. O. Seelling, appearing for the Commercial club of Salem, voiced the sentiment of that body. He said the generally expressed opinion was that the residents and business men of Salem were not getting proper service and that in their opinion their service being so poor did not warrant the proposed increase.

Denial Is Requested
Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson made a motion on behalf of the city that the application of the telephone company for an increase be denied on the grounds that no petition asking for the increase as provided by the laws of Oregon had been filed with the commission; that if the United States government had ordered the increase, as the telephone company had testified, then the commission had no authority to affirm or oppose the rates; that if the government is asking for the increase as a war measure, the commission has no jurisdiction, and even then the government has no power to collect money from the citizens of Oregon, but that the money required should be raised by general taxation.

This motion, concurred in by City Attorney Oloff Andersen of Astoria and B. W. Macy, city attorney of Salem, was overruled by Chairman Buchtel of the commission.

Testimony to the effect that the new toll rates which went into effect January 21 would result in a reduced revenue (estimated) for the current year in the amount of \$36,000, was offered.

Loss Is Claimed
Why an increase in rates would re-

MILITARY PAIR IN CITY



Brigadier General and Mrs. Frank B. Watson in Portland Monday on their way from Butte, Mont., to the Presidio of San Francisco, where he will be in command.

EFFICIENCY PREVENTS BRIGADIER GENERAL FROM OVERSEAS TRIP

Frank B. Watson, Now of Camp Lewis, and Wife Are Local Guests.

Efficiency kept Brigadier General Frank B. Watson from going to France and getting his chance to be a hero. He started in the war as a major, skipped the rank of lieutenant colonel entirely, became a colonel and finally a brigadier general. He has been at Camp Lewis since September in command of the Twenty-sixth infantry brigade.

With Mrs. Watson he is in Portland and being received with automobile trips and dinners. General and Mrs. Watson arrived at the Portland hotel Sunday evening from Butte, where General Watson has been in command of the troops detailed there during the labor difficulties.

This is their first trip to Portland and they were taken for a drive Monday morning around the points of interest in the city by Mrs. C. B. Biker, accompanied by Colonel Lewis P. Campbell, Lieutenant Colonel D. E. Bowman and Major Alan Welch Smith, all of the Multnomah Guard.

General Is Luncheon Guest
At 12:15 O. E. Overbeck, chairman of the general reception committees gave a luncheon at the Arlington club for General Watson and Mrs. Watson who had been entertained by prominent Portland women but she declined all invitations.

Immediately after lunch the party was taken up the Columbia river highway to Bonneville and shown points of in-

terest. They stopped on their return trip at the Crown Point Chalet for dinner and General and Mrs. Wilson left on the midnight train for San Francisco, where he is to take command of the Presidio.

General Watson was graduated from West Point in 1895, and has seen service in Porto Rico, the Philippines and Alaska. He was in Seattle some years ago, spending some three years there with the Third infantry. At the time the war began he was in the Browns-ville district along the Mexican border doing patrol duty. In September, 1917, he was assigned for duty at Camp Dix.

Command Is Transferred
After several months of service there he was made a colonel and assigned to command the 115th infantry at Camp McClellan, Ala. After four months of service with that unit he was assigned to the general staff in Washington, D. C., later being promoted to the rank of brigadier general and sent to Camp Lewis, where he succeeded Brigadier General Cornelius Vanderbilt in command of the 44th and 76th infantry regiments and the 39th machine gun battalion.

The 13th division, of which his brigade was a part, was expected to be sent overseas late in December or early in January, when the armistice was signed and troop shipments ceased. General Watson was in command of troops in Tacoma from February 6 to 14 during the labor troubles there, and was then sent to Butte.

\$5000 of Soldiers' Fund Will Go East

Salem, Feb. 25.—As the Oregon soldier boys now are arriving in New York, the senate Monday night suspended the rules and passed house bill 508, which provides that \$5000 of the \$100,000 soldiers' emergency fund shall be spent by a commission appointed by the governor of New York in providing a welcome for the boys from overseas.

CHAIRMAN HURLEY CALLS CONFERENCE

Business, Banking and Labor Experts of Country to Meet Head of Shipping in Washington.

Salem, Feb. 25.—Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, has telegraphed the governor that a nationwide conference of the business, banking and labor experts of the country will be asked to go deep into the problems underlying the creation of a national shipping policy and make report to congress.

The plan for bringing this about is set out in a telegram received by the governor Monday, which is as follows: "The shipping board has asked the United States Chamber of Commerce to call a national conference of the best business, banking, shipping and labor experts in the country and to prepare through this conference a number of plans for the best operation of our merchant marine, the shipping board to furnish the domestic and foreign data covering facilities, labor, trade routes, coal, fuel supply, coaling stations and other necessary information, and bring these facts carefully before your various business interests to the end that they may be so organized and prepared to go into this subject from the viewpoint of all localities and interests involved that there can be no delay in the filing of recommendations upon the various plans submitted through your local Chamber of Commerce."

"The shipping board desires to serve the interests of the majority of the responsible thinkers and business men of the country, and in order that all interests may be fully advised, I would ask that you give this statement to your press, farming, mining and industrial problems to be given full consideration. Said various plans when drafted to

be submitted by the United States Chamber of Commerce to the senate. American Bankers' association, the mining interests, the railroad administration and other units interested, these units of business to lay the questions involved before their member organizations for investigation and discussion, with final plans, after full discussion, to be returned through the United States Chamber of Commerce, tabulated and submitted to congress for its information in enacting the final legislation necessary to create a national shipping policy. Would ask that you bring home to your people the importance of the cooperation asked of them. The nationwide system of the Council of National Defense is aiding in this matter."

Dr. Lovejoy Found Rapidly Recovering From Late Illness

George A. Lovejoy, Portland manager of the Guarantee Fund Life association of Omaha, returned home Sunday from an eastern trip on which he saw his wife, Dr. Esther Clayton Lovejoy, Portland physician, who has been engaged in war work at home and abroad for two years.

From last September until January Dr. Lovejoy assisted in battling the influenza epidemic in New Orleans and lectured on war conditions. Early this year she went to Washington, preparatory to her return to France where she was confined with illness for several weeks, but is rapidly gaining strength, Mr. Lovejoy said.

Dr. Lovejoy served in France six months before she returned to the United States to give her services in stamping out influenza. She will leave for France to resume her first war work early in April.

Goes Insane at Dance
Marshfield, Feb. 25.—White attending a dance, A. B. Whitty, Marshfield mail carrier, became mentally deranged and Monday was taken to the county seat to be examined for insanity.

Sergeant Dew Now Back From France And Active Service

Sergeant Noel Aylmer Dew has returned to Portland after 19 months of army service, 17 of which time he was overseas, the most of which time he was in the American camouflage factory at Dijon, France. Two thousand Frenchwomen were employed in the camouflage factory, and a number of American artists, sculptors and movie directors.

Sergeant Dew was formerly with the Timberman and the Portland Lumber company. He enlisted in July, 1917, with the forestry division of the 10th engineers, and sailed for Halifax as a staff interpreter for Major Charles S. Chapman, now a lieutenant colonel. The company sailed for overseas in September, 1917. Sergeant Dew was stationed at a number of places in France before reaching Dijon. He sailed from Brest on his return trip, arriving in New York January 24. He was discharged from Camp Lewis last Friday.

Sergeant Dew is staying with his mother at the Nortonia.

20 Acre Ranch in Umatilla County to Be Set to Prunes

Freewater, Feb. 25.—J. F. Pitma has purchased 20 acres of land from S. Dunlap, east of Opportunity, which he will set to Italian prunes.

Cows Sell for \$110
Freewater, Feb. 25.—At the J. F. Gibson sale at Umatilla, held on the James Kirk ranch, the principal feature was the average price of \$110.70 secured for five grade cows.

Seasoned slabwood and inside wood, green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., Main 353, A-3533.—Adv.

Professor de Fell Held for Wearing Uniform of Sailor

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—(U. P.)—Professor John Ferdinand Hartman de Fell, former instructor of languages at the University of Oregon, is under arrest here today charged with wearing a sailor's uniform illegally. He said he was a member of the students' army training corps at Stanford university and thought that gave him the right to wear the uniform of any branch of the service.

Professor de Fell is well known in Portland, where he taught modern languages in connection with University extension courses and privately. He won some notoriety early in the war because of suspicion that he might be a German spy. While this allegation was being investigated by federal officials, he was "interned" at the University club, but ultimately was given an absolute clean bill, so far as his Americanism was concerned. He subsequently entered military service.

Fails to Reach Texas
Klamath Falls, Feb. 25.—On December 18, 1918, J. W. Morris purchased a railway ticket from the Southern Pacific company for Bastrop, Texas. He also shipped some baggage to that point. The baggage arrived but he has never shown up. His Texas friends have asked the Southern Pacific agent, J. L. Tuttle, to make an investigation here. The man is not known here.

Rate Rises Cited
E. P. Dedman, appearing for 40 users of a one-time private system at Clackamas station, said that since their system had passed under control of the Pacific company, rates had been raised from \$1 a year to \$3, and later to \$5 a year.

O. B. Setters of Warrenton stated the objection of his community that they were not getting enough under the old rates and that they objected strenuously to the proposed raise.

The telephone company rested its case Monday, after having submitted a vast amount of written detailed information. Adjournment at the conclusion of the hearing in the afternoon was taken to March 17 because of inability of attorneys and officials to attend a lengthy hearing at this time. A thorough examination into the reasonableness of the proposed rates is promised by Chairman Buchtel when the hearing is resumed. Final decision in the matter, he said, would not likely be rendered before the end of March.

Damage by floods in Sutter county, California, is estimated at \$200,000. Many families were forced to abandon their homes.

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Has Created a Furore Never Before Witnessed in Portland! No Event Ever Before Drew Such Crowds or Held Such Sustained Interest! No Sale Ever Offered So Much for So Little!

Stock From the \$175,000 Fire Sale of The Peoples Warehouse Co., at Pendleton, Offered to the Public at Astonishing Prices!

Carload After Carload of Merchandise Distributed to Portland Homes!

Women's Petticoats
19c
Your choice in gingham and percales, fancy stripes and checks, with deep ruffles, until sold, 19c.

Children's Dresses
Values to \$2.98
69c
All sizes up to 14 years. An opportunity to fit out the girls for the summer at a surprisingly low cost.

Women's Waists
Values to \$10
\$1.98
Georgettes, crepe de chines and silks at a ridiculous price. You must come early for these.

Women's Voile and Wash Waists
79c
Lovely waists, trimmed with lace; hem-stitched, plain tailored, novelties. Wonderful bargains!

Underwear
Women's and Children's
Values to \$1.00
10c
Union Suits and separate garments; wool, heavy fleece and lisle. All stacked up to go at only 10c!

Underwear
Women's and Children's
Values to \$1.50
19c
Never before was there underwear sold so ridiculously low! Union Suits of every description; some fine separate garments of fine lisle included; values to \$1.50. Come early in the morning!

Another carload of groceries from the Pendleton fire is being unloaded today, too late to list here the items and the prices. The goods will be stacked in our grocery and food department tonight. On sale tomorrow morning! Come;

Van Camp's Soups . . . 11c
Otter Clams 15c
Cookies, the lb. 20c
Preferred Stock Pineapple, No. 2 1/2, can 28c

Mesa Pork and Beans . 7c
Pink Salmon, talls . . . 19c
Minced Clams 13c

All Men's Suits Sacrificed
Three Groups—Take Your Choice
To \$35 Suits | To \$25 Suits | To \$20 Suits
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Big Lot Work Suits—Values to \$15—Only \$5.85
ALL BLUE SERGE SUITS 20% OFF!

Men's Work Pants
Entire stock in two big groups. Assorted patterns and weaves. Take your choice from these:
Lot 1—Values to \$3.00 | Lot 2—Values to \$5.00
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Men's Cravenetted Raincoats at the Deepest Reductions

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Men's, Women's and Children's
Men's Dress Shoes, \$2.98 values to \$7.00 . . .
Men's Work Shoes, slightly damaged by water—pair \$1.98
Men's Rubber Packs with leather tops . . \$1.98
Women's Rubbers 39c
Women's Shoes, kid or patent leather, lace or button; hundreds of pairs from which to choose \$1.98
Women's Pumps, values to \$6.00 . . . \$1.49
Boys' Shoes, regular \$3.00 values \$1.69
Children Shoes, black or fancy tops, values up to \$2.50, pair at 98c

Nottingham and Scrim Curtains
Regular \$1.50 Values
50c
Twilled Sheeting
35c Value
18c
36-inch unbleached twill sheeting offered at this astounding price. Take advantage!

Kitchen Wares
8-cup Aluminum Tea Pots . . \$1.50
8-quart Aluminum Tea Kettles with cold handles \$2.98
10-quart Enameled Pails 75c
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