

PHONE SALE GONE INTO BY MR. WEST AT RATE HEARING

Disposal of Home System Necessary, Receiver Relates, Because of Financial Losses.

BUSINESS MEN TO BENEFIT

Interchange of Service Will Make It Unnecessary for Retaining of Two Telephones.

Continuation of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph rate increase hearing this morning found the public service commission delving deep into the legal technicalities and intricacies of the negotiations and sale of the Home Telephone company to the Pacific Telephone company.

Mr. West gave a resume of the history of the company from the time it was started by local financiers until, as receiver for the company, negotiations for sale to the Pacific Telephone company were made.

System Operated at Loss

"It was necessary," said Mr. West, "to enter negotiations for the sale because we were due to go on the rocks, which I do not mind saying, now that the deal is consummated and we are assured the money. Just what the Pacific company intends to do with the line remains for them to decide. I do not know whether they intend to use it or scrap it."

Mr. West was at a loss to explain why the people of Portland did not subscribe more for the Home phone. In reference to proposed plans of consolidation by the Pacific Telephone company, where by the Home and Pacific phones would be placed on an interchangeable exchange basis, Mr. West said that he could not believe other than that business houses would affect a saving, as this would allow the withdrawal of one kind of telephone or the other.

Manager Nowell on Stand

J. C. Nowell of San Francisco, general manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, explained to the commission the possibility of incorporating the two telephone systems and how it would be accomplished. The commission also brought out the fact that the Home telephone rates would also be increased in conformity with the new rates asked for the Pacific system.

Mr. Nowell was the principal witness Friday afternoon. For more than two hours he was held in the stand while Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson and M. A. Cousins, representing the city, cross-examined him.

Refuses to Give Opinion

Mr. Nowell persisted in an evasion of the question placed by Attorney Tomlinson as to whether he considered the automatic or manual systems the more efficient. He stated that he believed most of the subscribers thought that the automatic system the more desirable, but would not express a personal opinion.

PRESENT HUN GOVERNMENT WILL BE OVERTHROWN, SAID

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nize the great movement toward radicalism or liberalism it refuses to cleanse itself or what is coming.

"The government must be overthrown in favor of one that is honest, above board and trustworthy. It is pathetic that no one was elected to the national assembly who possesses both ability and the confidence of the people. There are brains in Germany if they are only given a chance. Election of Ebert, the sardier, for the first president was a sad mistake. Why should Germany have to make such a mediocre start as a republic? He is undoubtedly honest, but so ordinary. I am told he wears a flashy pearl stickpin and is becoming a pro-

fessional politician. Nor is Scheidemann a man who is able to get a good peace. Politics prevails when common sense should. The government doesn't realize the difficulties of the peace problem or Germany's position."

Disgusted With Methods

Harden is heartily disgusted with the methods the German foreign office has been practicing since the armistice was signed. He condemns the foreign office officials strongly, as he condemned the war and Germany's war policies. He wants to see Germany deal squarely with the entire, sending delegates to Paris who can be trusted to make a clean breast of Germany's guilt and establish a basis upon which Germany can begin anew.

Harden's friends urged the foreign office to send him to the peace conference, to confer with President Wilson personally, if possible, to admit Germany's mistakes and to clarify her present position. Harden agreed to do so but the foreign office refused to consider the proposal, despite the fact he is one of the few Germans who are not compromised in foreign eyes.

German People Honest

"We are to blame for the war for many reasons," Harden continued. "I've consistently said that, not only about the beginning of the war but about our conduct of it throughout. Germany's navy was a direct danger to England at a time when we were getting rich by her free trade policy. The English colonies had as many made-in-Germany goods as those made in England. Germany started the war, as I pointed out in November in the Zukunft. We fought in a guilty way and by means of propaganda made our people believe they were justified in the defense of their fatherland. The German people were honest in their belief. The militarists claimed steadily that we were right and would win. I pointed out we were wrong—the fact that four fifths of the world was against us was a sure sign we were wrong—and that we would be defeated. But the government stupidly refused to see the light. It is still refusing to see the light."

Brand New Policy Urged

"When Wilson's 14 points were first announced, everyone said we couldn't accept them because they were too harsh. Now they are trying to twist the 14 points to meet German views. There is no doubt in my mind that, under the 14 points, Alsace-Lorraine goes to France. But the government demands a plebiscite. It would be the same even if a plebiscite were held, as it would go overwhelmingly in favor of France. Then Germany would claim the plebiscite was unfair because the French were occupying that territory."

There will always be something to agitate about until we break entirely away from the old and start a brand new policy. The German people think abnormally now, if they think at all. The war and hardships have made them crazy. They are gambling, dancing, seeking every pleasure possible and spending money like water, figuring that either the Bolsheviks or Schiffer (the minister of finance) will get it, anyhow, if they don't spend it. The people are ready to do anything in their fanaticism."

Real Liberal Movement Coming

"If the emperor were not so cowardly and would return and call his 70,000 officers about him, everybody would hurry and say the old times were better than the present and demand him back. But a genuinely liberal movement is coming. Machine guns cannot wipe out radical ideas. Give the people food and work and Bolshevism will be avoided until a solid and reformed state is established."

Harder anticipates close and important relations between the German republic and the United States.

More than she needs us at first," he said; and, frankly, it would benefit us more than America, but eventually the advantages would be equal. I have the greatest faith in the League of Nations. But its success and world peace during the coming century depend upon close and friendly relations between Germany, England and America."

Too Zealous in Hunting

"The defendants were too zealous in their hunting and will be fined \$100 each," said Federal Judge Wolvenston, Monday, in the case in which W. H. Mullen, A. Varian and W. A. Benson of Crane, were convicted of shooting game in violation of game laws. They were accused of killing some birds on the Lake Malheur bird reserve.

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ALL THIS WEEK

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ANITA STEWART IN "VIRTUOUS WIVES"

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PORTS OF CALIFORNIA ARE BEING INSPECTED BY NAVAL COMMITTEE

Plans Being Made by Oregon Port Committees for Reception of Congressmen.

Having completed the survey of the ports of San Diego, the naval affairs committee, which is due to arrive in Portland March 25, arrived at Los Angeles this morning, where it will pass three days surveying the naval situation. From Los Angeles it will go to San Francisco and then north to this city.

Representative Kettner, who represents a San Diego district, will not come to Portland with the delegation, owing to injuries received in an automobile accident at Riverside last Thursday.

A committee of four members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce arrived in Portland this morning and is conferring with members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce committee on presenting Astoria's argument to the naval committee while it is making the two day trip to the mouth of the river in the interest of a naval base.

The committee to represent Portland, as chosen by the Chamber of Commerce, is as follows: Judge C. H. Carey, chairman; F. T. Griffith, A. I. Black, F. C. Knapp, Edward Cookingham, J. C. Ainsworth, A. G. Labbe, Drake C. O'Reilly, G. B. Hagar, George Kelly, William Cornfoot, Captain Parsons, R. E. Williams, E. B. Piper, C. C. Chapman and F. W. Mulkey.

Dr. Robbins to Join U. of O. Forces Again

University of Oregon, Eugene, March 18.—E. C. Robbins, assistant professor of economics at the university in 1915-17, who left Oregon in 1917 to accept a position at the University of Minnesota, has been elected to a position as professor of the economics department of the University of Oregon for next year, by the board of regents. Dr. Robbins has been an assistant director of education work in the central division of the Red Cross for the past year.

McCroskey New Head of Salem Commercial

Salem, March 18.—T. E. McCroskey of Bellingham, Wash., was elected manager of Salem Commercial club Monday night to succeed Frank J. Chapman, who resigned. Mr. McCroskey has been engaged in commercial club and development work in Montana and Washington for many years and will come to this city with high recommendations. He expects to move his family here and be ready to begin his new duties in about a week. He will emphasize agricultural and horticultural features of commercial club work.

NEUTRALS GET VOICE ON LEAGUE

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general peace work. This argument is met by the statement that the covenant is now further advanced than any other feature of the treaty. The committee on responsibility for the war has reached the stage of combining the reports of its various sub-committees into a single recommendation, but the other committees are not nearly so far advanced.

Neutral representatives are now calling on Colonel House daily to present their views of the league. Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and Holland already have been heard from. Added to the prospects for early completion of the peace program is the fact that Premier Lloyd George has practically decided not to return to England this week, as he had planned. He and President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Orlando will hold frequent conferences during the week, in addition to the regular meetings of the supreme war council. The president is discussing the league with Lord Cecil and other experts. Senator Bourgeois, the French expert, has conferred with House and others, and is

known to have made no suggestion that the covenant not be included in the preliminary treaty.

Some discussion has arisen in favor of making the preliminary pact cover Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, so as to make Germany responsible for her allies. This is regarded as unlikely, however, as it would require a month to change the treaty in this respect, whereas the demand everywhere is for making peace with Germany as soon as possible, taking up the other treaties later.

Japan Regarded as Dark Horse

John T. Parkerson

Paris, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—Japan is now considered the only "dark horse" in the League of Nations' negotiations, but the belief was expressed by Americans today that the Japanese will not advance any eleventh hour obstacle. This optimism, however, is not universal.

It is now regarded as certain that the League of Nations covenant will be included in the peace treaty and the Americans are practically certain that the draft may be ready by Saturday. The Americans and British Lloyd George and the most important of the neutrals are understood to be in accord on this subject.

A protocol may be appended to the covenant clarifying some of the clauses was one report in circulation today. This may serve to meet the demands of certain Republican senators in the United States. The Americans may insist upon a time limit for American troops in Europe.

The British navy has begun to prepare a memorandum of sea strategy as a result of the disturbing statement of Secretary Daniels that the United States may police the seas under the League of Nations covenant, it was learned here today.

The League of Nations, with the various questions involved, is still the big problem.

It is possible that the peace conference proceedings may yet develop into a personal duel of strength between President Wilson and British Lloyd George and England over the inclusion of the League of Nations covenant in the peace treaty. This would inevitably delay the formulation of the convention.

Begs Premier to Remain

Paris, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—Premier Lloyd George at Monday's meeting of the supreme war council was handed a letter signed by President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Orlando, asking that he postpone his visit to London for a fortnight, it was learned today. Lloyd George replied that he must consult his colleagues in London before changing his plans.

Italians Will Compromise

Paris, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—Italy's alleged threat to withdraw from the peace conference unless she is given Fiume was believed today to have been averted by compromise. This compromise, it is reported, will result in Fiume being relinquished all her claims to Dalmatia. The cities of Zara and Sebenico will become free ports, but the remainder of Dalmatia will be allotted to Yugoslavia. Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino, it was reported, recently were prepared to inform the supreme war council that they could not return to Italy without assurance that Fiume would become an Italian city.

Expected Back by May 15

Paris, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—It is now practically certain that the president will be back in the United States not later than May 15 and that he will immediately tour the country in favor of the peace treaty which, including the covenant of the League of Nations, will be laid down in the senate at Washington in such diligent order that no one can find an "it" to do, nor a "no" to cross.

Germans Want Heligoland

London, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—The German envoys to Paris will strongly oppose any interference with Heligoland, according to a dispatch from Basle today. The envoys are reported to be of the efforts on Heligoland is said to be due to the pressure of German naval men who contend that the destruction of this German naval base would render the Kiel canal useless to Germany.

Scandinavians Select Delegates

Copenhagen, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—Minister of Defense Munch M. Nergaard, M. Bernhoft have been selected to represent Denmark at the League of Nations conference in Paris March 20. It was announced today. Norway's representatives will be M. Belchman and M. Caetberg. Sweden will be represented by Hjalmar Branting, Count Wrangel, Count Ehrensvard and M. von Wurtemberg.

SPORTSMEN AFTER WARDEN'S SCALP

Gov. Olcott Asked to Investigate Work of Game Commission; Shoemaker Accused.

Governor Olcott is called upon to investigate the state fish and game commission in a resolution forwarded to him today by the legislative committee of the Oregon Sportsmen's league and Dr. A. K. Downs, president of the league.

"To divorce the present dominating control of the police and commercial fishing interests from game affairs" is the reason assigned.

Allegations that the state game warden, Captain James H. Shaw, has been playing politics, that a member of the commission has lobbied at the legislature in behalf of the salmon interests and that propagation of game fish has been at a standstill are contained in the statement.

Specific Charges Made

The specific charges, however, are the following:

"That for the past four years the dominating influence has been that of the commercial interests."

"That politics has been the main work of the state game warden. 'No servant is greater than his master,' and, therefore, the political efforts of the commission are justly charged to the commission."

"That it is unknown to us what portion of the general office expense is charged to the game protective fund. This fact should be established. The game fund should bear its proper proportion of general expense, but should not be charged with one cent more."

"That the propagation of game fish, especially with the elimination of commercial steelheads, is and has been at a standstill, is not actually less than four years ago. We refer to the printed reports of the commission to the biennial sessions of the legislature for proof of this statement. This condition is not attributable to the work of the master fish warden or the condition of affairs at the Bonneville hatchery, but is directly traceable to the domination in the policy of the commission by the commercial interests."

Want Streams Restocked

"We urge that the master fish warden be given a free hand and your unequalled support in the restocking of the streams of the state."

"That the general public has never been advised as to the cost of trout propagation, nor to the segregation at the Bonneville hatchery, of the cost of commercial and game fish. Numerous inquiries at the commission's office have failed to produce this information. We at all times concede the right of the salmon interests or any other interests to maintain a 'lobby' or to conduct their own affairs at Salem or anywhere else as they see fit, but we do object in no uncertain terms to the present arrangement which permits the lobbyist of the commercial interests for many seasons past to continue his profession with the added authority and prestige that attaches to him as member of the Oregon game and fish commission, and its immediate access to the legislature, and with the consequent opportunity to juggle and trade fish and game legislation as may be deemed necessary. We are not concerned with fish traps or purse seines in and of themselves, but we do object when bills effecting the extermination of cheating are introduced, China pheasant hens or fishing on the Umpqua can be weighed and their passage or killing by the legislature determined not by the merits of whether they are just and proper, but whether they can be used one way or the other to affect legislation deemed essential or injurious to the commercial interests."

Sportsmen Will Meet

"We appeal to you as governor of the state and chairman of the commission for a square deal in behalf of the wild life and game fish of the state. We know that you will not let their potential value and possibilities. We urge that you investigate the matter fully and that you determine upon a policy that will eliminate the commission from its domination by political and commercial interests."

A meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Sportsmen's league has been called for Thursday evening. Copies are being sent to anglers and sportsmen throughout the state and to the members of the Multnomah Anglers' club.

PRESIDENT INSISTS ON HURRYING

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ical detachment of Second battalion, Company E, F, G, H, I and K, totalling 56 officers and 2500 men, to go to Camps Pike, Jackson, Travis, Dix, Lee, Gordon, Sherman and Dodge, 16th ammunition train, headquarters, horse battalion, Companies E, F and G, six officers and 800 men, to go to Camps Jackson and Funston; 16th mobile ordnance repair shop, two officers and 25 men; headquarters of the 77th division, one officer and 16 men, and one casual company each for Michigan, Texas, Washington, New York and Ohio.

Miscellaneous on the Home

These on board the Roma are all miscellaneous casual companies designated for Kansas and West Virginia.

The cruiser Maiana carries the 11th sanitary train, complete, 46 officers and 887 men, for Camps Sherman, Taylor and Dix; the 11th military police company, five officers and 785 men, for Camps Sherman, Grant, Dodge, Taylor and Custer; the 11th mobile ordnance repair shop, three officers and 42 men, for Camp Sherman; the 11th train headquarters, three officers and 24 men, for Camp Sherman; the 11th engineer train,

one officer and 72 men, for Camp Sherman; and one casual company for each New York, Texas and California.

16th Infantry on the Alaska

The Alaska has on board the 16th Infantry, field and staff, 3d and 2d battalions, headquarters company, supply company and companies E, F, G, H, I, K, L and M, to go to Camps Dix, Grant, Upton, Pike, Taylor and Dodge, and some scattering casual companies.

The Manchuria, with 150 officers and 5300 men, is due at New York March 27; the Pastores with 71 officers and 1478 men, at Newport News, Va., March 25; and the West Hampton, with 22 casuals for Iowa, at New York, March 22.

Many On Board Paris

Aboard the Paris, which arrived Monday, were 2110 soldiers, including the 30th brigade trench corps complete, 65 officers and 1464 men, who will be sent to Camps Custer, Devens, Dix, Dodge, Funston, Grant, Jackson, Meade, Pike, Sherman, Taylor and Merritt; casualty companies 1902, Louisiana, two officers and 33 men; No. 1905, Texas, one officer, 103 men; No. 1910, Arkansas, one officer, 96 men; No. 1912, New York, two officers, 106 men; No. 1913, North Dakota, one officer, 53 men; No. 1914, for South Dakota, one officer and 70 men; Sixty-seven officers, of whom 34 are in the air service, and four civilians were also among the Paris's passengers.

"Yank" Division Starts Home

Economy, France, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—Artillery units of the Yankee division (the 3d Army) started on their way today from the Lemans scene to the embarkation area near Brest in preparation for the voyage home. Other units will immediately follow.

Transport Europa Arrives

New York, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—The transport Europa arrived here today with 1662 men of the following organizations: Three Hundred sixth brigade tank corps, 68 officers and 1306 men for Camps Dix, Grant, Upton, Devens, Meade, Dodge, Lee, Travis, Custer, Gordon, Sherman, Sheridan and Funston and Columbus barracks, and three detachments of the Three Hundred Fifth brigade tank corps for

Camps Dix, Devens and Gordon, eighty-two per cent of the overseas forces of the coast artillery have returned, the war department announced today. Sixty-seven per cent of the tank corps and 38 per cent of the air service have returned. Only 1 per cent of the quartermaster corps has sailed for home.

1508,113 Troops in Europe

Washington, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—On March 11 there were still 1,508,113 troops in Europe, the war department announced today. American troops in Siberia on that date numbered 8970, in insular possessions 47,219, at sea 64,203 and in the United States 640,013.

72 Per Cent of C. A. G. Home

Washington, March 18.—(U. N. S.)—Sev-

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