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REBEL AGAINST 'PHONE RATES

City Council Voices General Indignation Over New Telephone Tariff.

NEW COMPANY WILL PROBABLY BE INVITED

Dissatisfied Over Outrageous Increase in Rates and Inefficiency of Service Causes City Fathers to Wax Exceeding Wrath—Earnings of Company Will Be Almost 100 Per Cent. Home Company May Be Given Franchise.

The recent action of the Pacific Telephone company in increasing the rate for the four party line phone from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per month will probably result in the installation of a new telephone company in Pendleton. This became evident at last night's meeting of the council when the dissatisfaction of the citizens which has been smoldering for some time, was voiced by members of the city council. It was declared that in view of the already enormous earnings of the company and the very unsatisfactory service rendered that the recent increase and installation of new regulations are decidedly outrageous. No definite action was taken last evening but it was the unanimous opinion of those present that something should be done to protect the people of the city from what was termed the "hold-up" methods of the telephone company.

May Invite Home Company. One of the plans of relief suggested was the granting of a franchise to the Home Telephone company of Portland. This company has had an application for a franchise before the council for some time and it was suggested last night that the application be taken up and granted. According to figures furnished the council last night, the physical investment of the company in this city is but \$10,000, while the gross earnings of the local office are \$15,000 annually and the net earnings are between \$7,000 and \$8,000. These are the earnings under the old rates. Under the new rate the earnings will be \$200 per month more. To further add to the indignation of the council it was pointed out that for two years the telephone company had refused to pay any taxes to either the city or county.

New Rules Criticized. Another action of the telephone company is the inauguration of a new set of rules for subscribers. Under these rules an applicant for a telephone must make a deposit of \$5 which the company keeps for one year, claiming to pay 6 per cent interest thereon. It was suggested by one councilman last evening that if the telephone company was in such straitened circumstances it must compel loans in this manner that it might be just as well to give the company's officials the right to arm themselves with guns and go out to compel the people to make loans to them.

In addition to the deposit of \$5, the subscribers must pay \$2.50 for the installation of the telephone and then pay one month in advance, making a total of \$9 which the subscriber must pay to the company before he can get a telephone installed in his home.

The indignation expressed last evening seemed to be genuine and the mayor and the members of the council all seemed to be of one mind. They could not agree upon the best action to be taken at present, but the matter was left in the hands of the city attorney for investigation and he will make a report at the next meeting. Not the least of the criticism heard last night was that concerning the quality of the service rendered. It was declared to be the worst of the city has ever experienced and far below the standard of that maintained in most other cities of the northwest.

Street Sprinkling Bids. The only other business of importance transacted last evening was the

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HIGH PRICES SLUMP IN OLD NEW YORK

New York, April 21.—The high cost of living took a slump here today when retailers announced reductions in the prices of food stuffs. Until today, although wholesalers had announced reductions the retailers kept up the prices. Among the commodities affected are flour, potatoes, eggs, and canned goods. Salted meats are slated for a drop before the end of the week.

MONSTER OIL TANK IS BURNING TODAY

San Pablo, Calif., April 21.—One of the largest oil tanks in the world, with a capacity of four hundred thousand barrels is afire here today. The tank was brim full of oil and it will probably be several days before the fire is extinguished. Standard Oil employees and firemen are fighting the flames, but are compelled to confine their efforts to saving the surrounding property. A dense cloud of black smoke is rolling upward and spreading over the bay region.

Review of Airships.

Berlin, April 21.—The first imperial review of airships belonging to the army took place today. The emperor ordered the three aerial cruisers which recently engaged in maneuvers at Colon to Hamburg where his majesty held a review. The airships are the Zeppelin II, the Parseval II, and the Gros I, constructed on different systems. They left Cologne before daylight, so as to arrive at Homburg at 11 o'clock.

FIVE CONVICTS MAKE SENSATIONAL ESCAPE

FEDERAL PRISONERS SEIZE WORK ENGINE IN YARDS

Convicts at Leavenworth, Kansas, Secure Arms and Force Engineer to Use Engine to Batter Down Gates—Escape Into Country—Two Recaptured.

Leavenworth, Kansas, April 21.—Five convicts of the federal prison here today overpowered a crew of a switch engine in the prison yards, and forced the engineer to run the locomotive into the country, where they escaped.

Two have been recaptured, but the others got away and they are armed. One of them is Frank Grigware, a train robber, sentenced from Omaha. He was captured in Idaho following his robbery. The convicts told the engineer they would fight to the death.

It is believed the fugitives got their arms from ex-convicts. The escape from the prison yard was one of the most spectacular ever recorded here. The convicts compelled the engineer to use his locomotive as a battering ram in breaking down the prison gates. At first the engineer refused but when three of the prisoners drew revolvers and threatened to shoot him, he consented. After smashing the gates, the engine went a distance of four miles, where it was stopped by a broken bridge.

DEPEW HAS NOT YET ENOUGH OF POLITICS

New York, April 21.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew, on his arrival here last night from Washington, set at rest a rumor that he intended to resign. When asked directly if he intended to announce now or in the future that he would not seek reelection, the senator replied he would devote his time and all the money he can spare to aid in the election of a republican state ticket and legislature this fall. He added:

"If the legislature is democratic, of course, I will not care about being a candidate. If it is republican—well, we shall see after the elections—not before.

"Why should I announce my retirement because Senator Aldrich and Senator Hale have done so? Senator Aldrich is far from well and the same is true, I understand, of Senator Hale. As for me, I shall be 76 on Saturday, but I never felt better in my life."

Go Back to Work.

Philadelphia, April 21.—All the motormen and conductors who have been on strike were ordered last night by their leaders to report for work this morning at the various barns of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company.

The leaders of the car men said they had received satisfactory assurances the men would receive fair treatment by the company.

Billy Blunt Dead.

Cincinnati, April 21.—An illness extending over a period of several months terminated last night in the death of Charles T. O'Hara, 38 years old, widely known as a sporting writer. Mr. O'Hara, writing under the pen name of "Billy Blunt," was employed at various times on papers of this city and was a contributor to publications throughout the country.

Can't Fix Scale.

Altoona, Pa., April 21.—Operators and miners of the central bituminous district were unable to agree on a wage scale today. If no result is reached tomorrow it is probable that a strike will be declared that will keep 40,000 mine workers idle indefinitely.

SEEKS TO DRAW CANNON'S CLAWS

Fowler Introduces Resolution That Would Make Speaker Powerless.

WOULD CREATE COMMITTEE TO APPOINT COMMITTEES

New Jersey Representative Picks Up Gauntlet Hurling "Uncle Joe" by Introducing Resolution Taking Power of Appointing Standing Committees Out of His Hands—Would Create Two Committees, One From Majority and One From Minority.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Accepting Cannon's challenge, Representative Fowler of New Jersey, today introduced a resolution which if adopted would strip the speaker of all powers except that of a mere presiding officer. "It's final step is to insure the absolute freedom of the house," Fowler declared.

The resolution creates two committees of the members of the house, one from the minority and one from the majority, empowered to select all members of standing committees. The census bureau is instructed to draw six parallel lines dividing the country into seven sections, each with a population approximately the same as that of the other. Members of the house within each section will select one of their number as a member of the committee on committees. Seven democratic congressmen will thus select the democratic members of the standing committees and seven republicans will select the republican members of their committees.

The greatest confusion followed the presentation of the resolution. After the opening parliamentary skirmish Fowler said he would not insist on immediate consideration.

MUNICIPAL ROW IN ABERDEEN

City Attorney Criticizes Police and Is Ousted from Office.

Aberdeen, Wash., April 21.—City Attorney A. M. Wade was removed from office by a vote of the city council late last night on the recommendation of Mayor Bennett. This action resulted from the controversy between Wade and the police department during which the city attorney caustically criticized the methods of the police. Several days ago a man was arrested for theft and held without bail. Before the case was called in court, however, the prisoner was released by the officer in charge of the police station, who declared he had been ordered to do so over the telephone and supposed he was Wade. Wade denied issuing the order and made uncomplimentary remarks about the police. The mayor then took a hand and the removal of Wade followed.

NEW YORK SUN SAYS HUGHES WILL BE JUSTICE

New York, April 21.—According to the New York Sun, President Taft has decided to offer the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Brewer, to Governor Hughes of New York.

Whole Family in Auto Accident.

Tacoma, Wash., April 21.—L. G. Wallace, mother, wife, infant child and niece were injured in collision between their automobile and a street car today. The automobile was thrown forty feet, and Wallace's mother was probably fatally hurt. The other occupants of the machine were not seriously injured.

WANT INDIANS' CONSENT TO OPENING RESERVATION ROADS

Instructions have been received by Major Swartzlander, agent upon the Umatilla reservation, to circulate petitions among the Indians asking for the abolition of the toll charges now exacted when white men drive stock across the reservation. If a majority of the male adults of the reservation will sign such a petition the Indian department will approve of opening the roads across the reservation.

Though the task before him seems a difficult one Major Swartzlander is entering upon the same with energy and he hopes to meet with success. He has already discussed the subject with some of the Indians and has called a council for next Wednesday to discuss the proposition.

Some of the Indians are taking a stand against the opening of the roads because they think they secure the money that is charged as toll. However the money goes to the department

FORTY MINERS BURIED ALIVE

Explosion in Mine Near Birmingham, Alabama, Entombs Nearly Fifty.

BELIEVED THAT ALL IMPRISONED MEN ARE DEAD

Mulga Mill of Birmingham Railway & Coal Company Scene of Terrible Disaster—Explosion Blocks All Exits and Fire Breaks Out—Feared Gases Have Proved Fatal, Although Air Has Been Pumped In—Fifteen Are White and 25 Are Negroes.

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—It is believed today that all of the 40 miners entombed in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Railway and Coal company are dead. "Rescuers who worked all night attempting to remove the twisted iron cages which block the shaft declare that gases permeate every crevice of the mine in which an explosion occurred late yesterday. Fifteen of the men are white and the balance are negroes.

Following the explosion, flames shot up the mine shaft 400 feet and the ground was covered with charred timbers which were blown up from the bottom of a 350-foot shaft by the explosion. Every window in the little mining village was broken.

After the explosion timbers were placed over the mouth of the shaft to prevent a draft as it was feared the interior of the mine might be on fire but as far as known there has been no fire and as air was at once pumped into the mine, the families of the entombed men are still hopeful that some, if not all, will be rescued alive. The hospital car of the Tennessee Mining company, containing gas helmets and all other necessary paraphernalia, has been sent to the scene.

Mulga has only one telegraph wire to Enslay, the nearest town, over which communication is almost impossible and details of the catastrophe are meagre. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

James Bonniman of Birmingham, general manager of the Birmingham Coal & Iron company, left for Mulga shortly after midnight to take personal charge of the rescue work. Mulga is about 12 miles northwest of Birmingham.

Several parties of rescuers attempted to enter the mine today but each time were driven out by the gas fumes before trace of the entombed men could be found. Rescuers have now decided to use machinery to work to clear the shaft of gas. No hope for any of the men survives.

PUZZLER FOR FIGHT FANS.

Jeff Is Full of Vigor When in Action But Lethargy Follows.

San Francisco, April 21.—In his dispatch from the Jeffries training camp today, "The Ringsider," one of the greatest of ring authorities, comments on the contrast displayed by the big fighter while at work and afterwards, which he says is causing speculation bordering on anxiety. The vigor displayed by Jeff in training is really remarkable and every action speaks wonderful athletic power. But after his work is over reaction sets in. Jeffries moves about unsteadily with apparent effort and a faltering gait suggests a very weary man. All of this disappears, however, as soon as he resumes his work. What is responsible for this apparent lassitude no one has been able to explain.

COLD SNAP IN EAST CAUSES GREAT LOSS

Cincinnati, April 21.—Damage aggregating five millions of dollars has been done by a cold wave which swept Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and southern Indiana, during the last five days. Berry and small fruit crops are practically destroyed. Many truck gardens and small farmers have been ruined. In northern Kentucky the snow still stands on the ground which a week ago was covered with growing things.

FLOODS GRIP SERBIA.

Torrential rains raise streams out of their banks. Belgrade, Serbia.—Serbia is again in the grip of floods, a result of torrential rains. At Kragujevatz 12 deaths have occurred and the damage to property is enormous. The whole country from Kragujevatz to Lapovo, a distance of 20 miles resembles a vast lake. Several villages have been inundated. It is feared a large number of persons and thousands of sheep and cattle have been drowned.

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR HYDE'S ATTORNEYS

DENIED PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING LETTERS

Judge Hatchow Again Rules Against Counsel for Defense—Pearl Kellar Tells of Bleeding Operation—Says Hyde Was Warned by Twyman.

Kansas City, April 21.—Judge Lathshaw again ruled in favor of the prosecution today when he decided the attorneys for Dr. Hyde were not allowed to have produced in court, certain letters written by Chicago toxicologists to Attorney Paxton, administrator of the estate of Colonel Swope. The letters are said to have an important bearing on the poison theory of the prosecution.

Pearl Kellar, Colonel Swope's nurse, was again on the witness stand and testified concerning the death of Colonel Moss Hunton, one time named as executor of the Swope estate.

She continued her description of the bleeding operation performed by Dr. Hyde and said Dr. Twyman, the Swope family physician, had warned Hyde he was drawing too much blood and that he knew of a man who bled to death from a similar treatment.

Prosecutor Conkling announced today that he had set detectives at work to discover how the record of the grand jury proceedings came to be in the hands of the defense.

REPORT OF RECALL OF PAPAL NUNCIO UNFOUNDED

Rome, April 21.—The report that Monsignor Granito di Belmonte Pignatelli, the papal nuncio at Vienna, has been recalled, is declared by the vatican to be absolutely unfounded. It is added that not only has the nuncio not been recalled, but he has not even been blamed in any way, as the holy see does not consider he has created any incident by paying a call of courtesy on Ambassador Kerens, when he could not help but meet Mr. Roosevelt. One of the vatican officials said the papal nuncio would not leave Vienna until the next consistory, when he would be created a cardinal and the consistory is not likely to be held before the end of the year.

RAILROAD LANDS ARE TO BE TAXED

Washington, April 21.—The senate committee on public lands purposes to make unpatented railroad grant lands which lie within forest reserves subject to taxation. Senator Hughes yesterday reported to the senate the Nelson bill which requires the railroads to supply the money for resurveying of such lands.

There are between four and five million acres of the railroad grant lands in the United States, of which about 2,000,000 acres are in Montana and 800,000 acres in Oregon. The states could not tax the lands and no one has had any benefit. The railroads, having property not taxable, have been content to hold the lands for natural increases in value.

Mark Twain Weaker.

Redding, Conn., April 21.—Mark Twain is weaker this morning although he is resting comfortably.

Bridgegroom Not Careful.

Tacoma Wash.—Attorneys for the Northern Pacific railway have set up as a defense in the suit of Lafayette Bortle for \$1985 for the death of his son, that the young man was nervous on account of the fact that he was to be married the next day and that he was therefore not as careful as he should have been.

Young Bortle was employed by the company and was crushed between an engine tender and a pile of wood beside the track.

TEDDY ARRIVES IN GAY PAREE

Roosevelt and Family Reach French Capital and Are Warmly Greeted.

CALLS UPON PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER

Both French Officials Return Visit and Show Great Respect to American Statesman—American Business Men Will Banquet Colonel—Scheduled for Lecture Saturday—Papers Extend Him Warm Welcome—Foreign Minister Eulogizes Him.

Paris, April 21.—A great throng greeted Colonel Roosevelt today when he arrived from Budapest. The Roosevelts went to the home of American Ambassador Bacon and, later the American statesman called on President Fallieres at the palace and upon Foreign Minister Pinchon. Both Fallieres and Pinchon returned the visit. American business men in Paris will give a reception to Roosevelt at the embassy and President Fallieres will tender him a banquet. On Saturday Roosevelt will lecture at Sorbonne.

Papers Welcome Him. The Paris morning newspapers unite in warm expressions of welcome to ex-President Roosevelt. The Matin prints a message of eulogy from M. Pinchon, the foreign minister, who says Mr. Roosevelt ever was foremost in the cause of peace.

"We French have more cause to remember this than any one," says the foreign minister, "for Mr. Roosevelt is surely a faithful friend to France. He has manifested friendship to us under all circumstances, with perfect disinterestedness. He has acted as a statesman who understands that the two great republics owe each other support, since they obey the same principles and carry out the same ideals. It is a friend we are going to receive, a friend sincere, just and tenacious. Let us honor him.

"Theodore Roosevelt appears to me as a man without fear who consults only his own conscience and makes willing sacrifices to the inspirations thereof, notwithstanding the consequences which might follow his action."

EGYPTIAN ASSASSIN COMES UP FOR TRIAL

Cairo, April 21.—The trial of Ibrahim Wardani, charged with the assassination of Premier Boutros Pasha began today. International interest attaches to the affair because of the prominence given it in Roosevelt's speeches here when he denounced the assassination and roused the anger of the Egyptian nationalists. Soldiers are held in readiness at the barracks here to put down any demonstration that may result from the trial.

SAYS ROOSEVELT WILL ENDORSE ADMINISTRATION

Washington, D. C., April 21.—"Roosevelt upon his return to America will support the present administration from the ground up."

This is the positive statement today made by one of the most prominent of the Taft advisers and is the latest sensation in political circles here.

The statement coming after the announcement that Senator Root is soon to depart for Europe and will see Roosevelt has increased interest.

McMillen a Candidate.

Nashville, Tenn., April 21.—Benton McMillen, former governor of Tennessee and for several terms democratic leader in the national house of representatives last night announced himself as a candidate for the United States senate, subject to the action of the democratic primary of June 4, to succeed James B. Frazer, whose term expires on March 4. Senator Frazer has declared that he would not be a candidate.

Weston In Palsmyra.

Palsmyra, N. Y., April 21.—Edward Payson Weston arrived here at 9.35 o'clock last night from Rochester.

FOOD PRICES FALLING ON THE COAST ALSO

Portland, April 21.—The prices of foodstuffs today show a general falling off in this and other Pacific coast cities. The largest reduction has been made in flour, which is sixty cents per barrel cheaper today than it was three weeks ago. Even meat shows an average reduction of a cent a pound.