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### BURLESON URGES PUBLIC PURCHASE OF WIRE LINES

Congress Asked to Declare Monopoly of Telegraph and Telephone Systems and Authorize Issuance of Licenses to Operate.

Private Ownership Makes Wires for Classes—Public Ownership Would Enable Masses to Use.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines was recommended in a report to the senate today by Postmaster General Burleson. The recommendations were made by Burleson in answer to a resolution introduced by Senator Norris, which requested information collected by postal officials regarding government ownership of public utilities.

After furnishing the senate with the desired information, Burleson's report made the following recommendations:

#### Declare a Monopoly

"That congress declare a government monopoly of telegraph, telephone and radio communication and such other means of transmission as may hereafter develop; that congress acquire by purchase a network of commercial telephone lines, farmers' lines excepted; that congress authorize the postmaster general to issue, in his discretion, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, revocable licenses for the operation by private individuals, associations, companies and corporations of telegraph service and of such parts of the telephone service as the government may acquire."

#### Delay Costs Money

"It is obvious," the report continued, "that the longer government acquisition of the facilities is deferred the greater will be the cost. Moreover, it is an economic waste to permit private enterprises to build up vast properties which eventually must be taken over by the government."

"There is a radical difference between a public and a private monopoly. In extending its service the determining factor with the government is the needs of the people; with private monopolies profit is the only consideration. In fixing rates the government must see only that the service as a whole is self-supporting."

### FIND TWO GUILTY, ACQUIT TWO OF HOPFIELD MURDER

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Jan. 31.—The Wheatland hop field riot jury at 1:50 this afternoon returned a verdict finding Richard Ford and Herman Suhr guilty of murder in the second degree and acquitting William Beck and Harry Bagan.

The case went to the jury just before dusk yesterday and at 12 o'clock the men were locked for the night. They could be heard talking until much later, and it was a sneaky-eyed group which made its appearance for breakfast today.

### BLIZZARD GRIPS MIDDLE WEST; TIES UP TRAFFIC

Illinois, Michigan and Indiana Swept by Heavy Snow Storm—Wires Are Down and Railroads Crippled—Great Suffering Among Poor.

Man Found Frozen to Death Leaning Against Pole at Indianapolis—Another Shocked to Death.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 31.—A howling blizzard was raging here today. All trains were at least twelve hours late. Interurban traffic was demoralized. The local streetcar service was nearly out of commission.

Wire communication was more completely crippled than by the disastrous floods last March. Joseph Walsh put a telephone receiver to his ear and was shocked to death. A live electric light wire had been blown across the telephone line. Telegraph and long-distance telephone services were paralyzed except between here and Chicago and St. Louis. Thousands of poles were down.

A man was found badly frozen, leaning against a telephone pole in the residence section. He was taken to a hospital unconscious and the doctors pronounced his condition critical. His name could not be learned.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 31.—Detroit was swept by a blizzard today. Street cars and railroads were badly crippled and wires were down in every direction. The storm started at midnight. It prevailed throughout the southern part of the state.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 31.—A foot of snow fell here today, but the storm ceased at noon. The snow was wet and heavy and greatly hampered wire communication. Trains were very late.

### PORTLAND BANKERS ABANDON EFFORT FOR RESERVE BANK

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 31.—With the visiting bankers of Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho expressing a preference for Portland as a federal reserve bank center and with a number of local bankers standing out flatfooted for a bank in the northwest, other Portland bankers who testified at yesterday's hearing before the federal reserve bank organization committee today expressed a decided preference for San Francisco.

Even A. L. Mills, president of the Portland clearing house committee and chairman of the committee on a regional bank for Portland, after presenting forceful and masterly argument confessed that at heart he would prefer to see a parent bank at San Francisco, with only a branch at Portland.

Other leading bankers who testified yesterday afternoon concurred with him. Among their number were J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National bank, and C. F. Adams, president of the Security Trust & Savings bank. Ainsworth was unequivocally opposed to the location of a bank in Portland and argued for a branch only.

### UPWARD MOVEMENT IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—An upward movement was apparent when the stock market opened today. Heavy buying prevailed so far as the active list was concerned. Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Atchafalpa, Great Northern preferred, Pressed Steel Car and Bethlehem Steel registered gains of a point or so. Steel reached 57, a new high figure for the movement. Rock Island stocks showed heaviness. The preferred stock lost 1/4 and the common 1/2.

### UNWRITTEN LAW PLEA ACQUITS GIRL OF MURDER

Leah Alexander, Tried for Slaying Her Betrayer, J. D. Van Baalen, Faints When Jury Brings in Verdict of Acquittal.

"Temporary Insanity" Ground Given by Jurors—Had First Tried to Kill Herself by Poisoning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The Leah Alexander who received congratulations in her mother's little apartment here today was a different girl from the one who listened, weeping, yesterday afternoon in Judge Dunne's courtroom while her lawyer, Thomas O'Connor, fought to prevent Prosecutor Berry from putting the noose around her neck for last October's killing of Joseph D. Van Baalen, her former lover.

#### Hysterical With Joy

Almost prostrated when she was brought to her mother's rooms after midnight, directly from the courtroom, she rallied quickly after a few hours' sleep and, her spirits rebounding from the long strain to which she was subjected, became almost hysterical with joy.

Her acquittal on the ground of temporary insanity did not surprise attaches of Judge Dunne's court, where the case was heard. The jury made its report almost exactly at midnight, after eight hours' deliberation. The room was crowded with spectators, despite the hour, and as the verdict was announced it burst into wild cheering and made a rush toward the railing behind which Miss Alexander sat to congratulate her. Bailiffs had hard work stopping the stampede.

Miss Alexander was unconscious of the ovation intended for her. "Oh," she exclaimed as Foreman Leslie J. Hopkins of the jury pronounced the words "not guilty," and sank fainting. It took five minutes to revive her.

#### Temporary Insanity

Inasmuch as there was no question that Miss Alexander shot and killed Van Baalen, the jury's debate hinged on the question whether she was mentally responsible at the time she did it. On her discovery that Van Baalen, who had induced her to live with him as his wife by promising to marry her later, was already a married man, she tried to kill herself by poisoning, and her lawyer Thomas O'Connor, contended that she was still under the drug's influence when she did the shooting.

It was this view which the jury finally took. It was said that at first they stood eight to four for acquittal, then nine to three and finally these three were convinced and the verdict was announced.

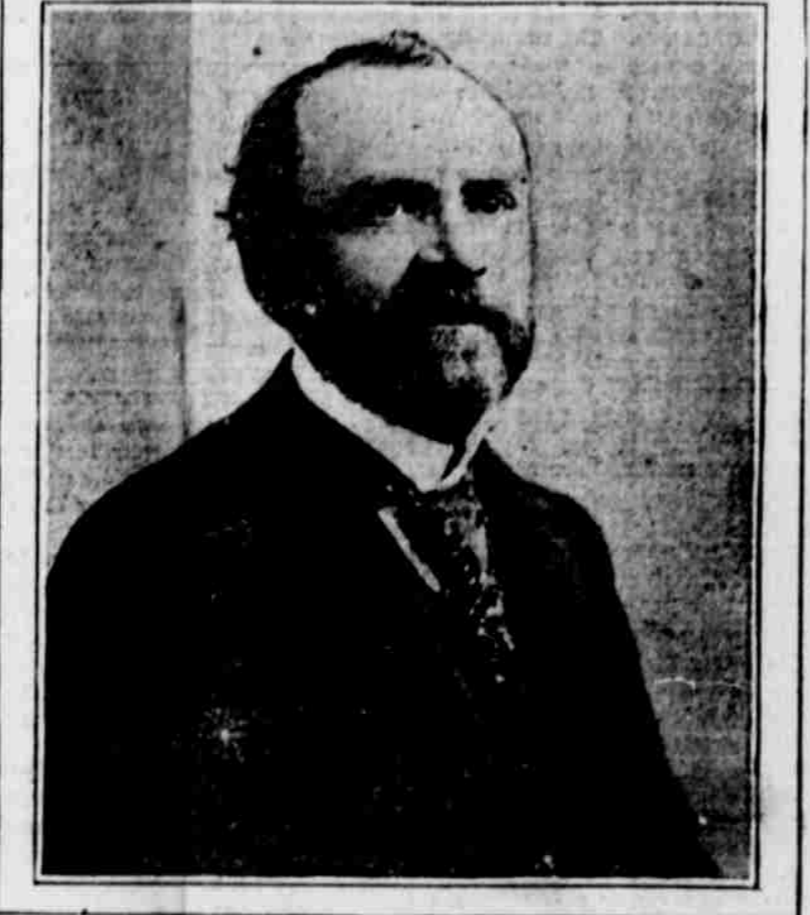
### RESERVE CLAUSE BALL CONTRACTS DECLARED LEGAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—That the reserve clause attached to all organized baseball contracts is legal was the opinion given President John K. Tener of the National league today by Attorney General Bell of Pennsylvania. Bell, Tener said today, had been considering the matter for weeks, and his opinion was formed only after careful consideration.

Charles Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn team, announced today he had sent Joe Tinker a contract calling for a yearly salary of \$7500. The amount is what Tinker originally demanded. Tinker is now manager of the Chicago Federal league club, and unless he decides to play with Brooklyn, Ebbetts will carry the case to the courts. Ebbetts takes the stand that Tinker's demand never was rejected and that he had no right to sign with the outlaw club while Brooklyn had his contract under consideration.

Union painters in San Francisco demand \$5.99 a day.

### WILL BUILD TWENTY RADIUM HOSPITALS FOR TREATMENT OF CANCER



Henry Phipps  
Wishes to build twenty hospitals in different parts of the United States for the treatment of patients afflicted with cancer and to equip each institution with five grams of radium in addition to the other equipment. It is said to be the project that Henry Phipps, the wealthy philanthropist of New York and Pittsburgh, has in mind. In all, the hospitals would entail an expenditure of about \$15,000,000.

### FEDERAL JUDGE ACCUSED OF AIDING MISSOURI ROADS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 31.—What Attorney General Barker said about Federal Judge McPherson of Kansas City today was forcible, to say the least. "I won't try Missouri's rate cases before McPherson," he declared. "Nobody's likely to win a suit against a railroad in that court. This state has waited eight months for McPherson to enter a decree in one rate case such as the supreme court has already rendered."

"I'll wait no longer. I'm tired of fooling with McPherson, so I'll prosecute the suits for the \$24,000,000 the railroads have overcharged Missouri patrons in the state courts."

McPherson tells of the quick action you get in his court. I've often heard of lawyers soliciting business, but this is the first time I ever heard of a court doing it. I wonder what particular inducement McPherson can hold out to a client."

### CHAMBERLAIN SEEKS MORE POSTAL COIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator Chamberlain has offered an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, appropriating \$500,000 for expenditure by the secretary of agriculture and the postmaster-general in the improvement of roads used by rural carriers, provided the local authorities furnish double the amount needed for the improvement of the roads selected.

### THREE NEW MEMBERS COMMERCE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The nominations of Winthrop Daniels of Princeton, N. J., and Henry Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo., to be interstate commerce commissioners were sent to the senate today.

#### CHURCHILL CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, will be a candidate for reelection to that office, it was announced today. Churchill was appointed in July, 1913, to fill the unexpired term of L. B. Alderman, who resigned to become superintendent of the city schools of Portland.

### OPTIMISM RULES LUMBER DEALERS OF THE NORTHWEST

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 31.—Optimism among lumbermen for a revival of business during the present year is more apparent than ever here today, following the annual meeting of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, which adjourned last night after hearing favorable reports from Oregon and Washington concerning the outlook and transacting other business.

The \$6,000,000 order soon to be placed by the American Car company for material with which to build 4400 freight cars for the Union Pacific railroad is expected to further greatly stimulate the lumber business of the northwest. A large share of the big order will likely be placed with mills here and in this vicinity.

### JEALOUS PLUMBER SHOOTS TWO, KILLS ONE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—Otto Wiejand, a plumber, who shot Peter Caconicis and Patrolman August J. Hurry here last night, must answer to a charge of murder. Caconicis, a restaurant man, died of his injuries this morning. Hurry's condition was reported critical, but it was said he had an outside chance for life.

Jealousy was responsible for the shooting. Wiejand had been separated from Mrs. Wiejand for several months. He fired under the impression that Caconicis was paying attention to Mrs. Wiejand, when in reality the restaurant man was Wiejand's daughter's suitor.

### NEPOTISM CHARGED AGAINST JUDGE SPEER

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 31.—Hearings before a house committee of charges of nepotism against United States Judge Emory Speer were expected to end today. The committee planned to return to Washington tonight and will report soon to the house judiciary committee.

### ROOT LABELS SENATOR LANE BLACKMAILER

Oregonian Charges Senate Commerce Committee Has Doctored His Steel Trust Rebate Resolution and Is Ruled Out of Order by Marshall.

Root Says He Is "Tired of Senate Being Dragged Around to Tune of Blackmailer."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Flat charges that the senate commerce committee had "doctored" his resolution for an investigation of alleged steel trust rebates were made from the floor of the senate today by Senator Lane of Oregon. Vice-President Marshall, as the senate's presiding officer, ruled Lane out of order.

Lane then withdrew the word "doctored," but turned to Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, and asked:

"When some important things are left out, some 'played up' and others minimized, what shall I call it when I withdraw the word 'doctored'?"

Before Lane could proceed Senator Root commented audibly in a conversation with other senators that he "was tired of the senate being dragged around to the tune of a blackmailer."

Senator Bristow immediately repeated Root's words so they would go into the record. Both Senator Stone and Senator Root then bitterly denounced Bristow, Stone advancing beligerently toward the Kansan. The latter stood his ground and friends seized Stone and led him away.

### SAYS MEN JURORS THREATENED WOMEN TO FORCE VERDICT

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—Charges were preferred today by Mrs. J. Wasson, before Superior Judge Ronald, that the men jurors in the now famous case of blackmail heard recently against Theodore Pappas, threatened the women jurors with personal violence if they did not agree to convict the Greek. The court decided to re-open the investigation and cite all the jurors to appear before him in a final effort to untangle the jury squabble.

"This affair is a scandal," said the court. "I want to go to the bottom of it and see just what really did happen in that jury room."

Evidence that something went wrong in consideration of the verdict was first introduced, showing that the women jurors agreed to a hasty verdict of guilty to accommodate one woman juror who was ill. They declared, however, that they did not believe Pappas was guilty.

Scored by the court for their admissions, they later asserted that the men blew smoke in their faces, compelling them to agree on a conviction in order that they might escape the annoyance.

Now comes the charge of threatened personal violence.

### STABBING AFFRAY OVER SOCIALISM

An argument over socialism in the Cadillac saloon Friday evening between George Hamlin and Frank Maneker became so heated, that Hamlin clinched his remarks by stabbing Maneker in the stomach with a jackknife, these allegations being sustained by a complaint drawn up in Prosecutor Kelly's office this morning. Blood boiled, according to Sergeant Pat Mago, when Maneker maintained that there was no such thing as "economic pressure." Hamlin is alleged to have insisted on arguing after his debate rival admitted he was out talked.

### NEW CONTRACT FOR ROAD OVER SISKIYOU SIGNED

J. W. Sweeney, County Court and State Highway Engineer Ratify Assignment Made by Keasel & McDowell at Old Figures

Tou Velle to Go East and Sign Bonds in Chicago, as Cheaper Than Expressage and Insurance.

A new contract was signed Saturday by the county court and State Highway Engineer H. L. Bowley with J. W. Sweeney, Portland contractor, for the construction of the Siskiyou grade for the Pacific highway over the mountains. The proceedings were really a ratification of the assignment of their contract by Keasel & McDowell to Sweeney; the same prices being specified.

The prices at which the construction work is to be done at are 29 cents on earth excavation, 38 cents on loose work, 78 cents on solid rock, 50 cents per square rod on clearing right-of-way, \$1.46 per square rod on grubbing, \$1.05 per foot on corrugated iron culvert 12 inch, \$1.60 on 18 inch, \$2 on 24 inch, 72c on 12-inch concrete culvert, \$1.60 on 18 inch and \$2 on 24 inch; 70 cents per foot on 12 inch vitrified tile, \$1.30 on 18 inch, \$2.53 on 24 inch. On rubble masonry, \$8 per cubic yard; class A, concrete, \$11 per cubic yard; class B, \$10; class C, \$10; reinforcing steel, \$6 per 100 pounds. The total award totals \$107,000. To this will be added another rock section it was planned at first to construct by convict labor, and which will bring the total up to approximately \$125,000.

Tou Velle to Go East

Judge Tou Velle will probably go east with the highway bonds and sign them in Chicago, as it will cost the county less this way than to express and insure them after signature. The money will be available upon delivery of the bonds.

Attorney A. E. Reames, who represented the county before the bond buyers' attorneys at New York, writes as follows to Judge Tou Velle:

"It will be unsafe to send the signed bonds without insurance, and the insurance will exceed the traveling expenses. Of course, they could be insured and sent by registered mail, but this will equal traveling expenses. Altogether, it seems better for you to sign the bonds personally in Chicago when you make delivery, then take a check to the county treasurer, and this will make it impossible to lose the money through accident."

Money All Right

"There is no question now but we will have all the money in by May. Attorney Masslich thinks that I came here at a very opportune time, as some of the matters were troubling him considerably. On the whole, he is very fair, indeed, and dictates his wires to his clients in my presence and everything seems open and above board. The buyers seem to think that the recent legislation will make municipal securities particularly active and are very anxious to get hold of as much of the issue as he will approve and at the very earliest moment. I am trying to get him to seal-in the deliveries along to May, to save the county interest, but they are so anxious to place them while there is a chance I doubt if they will agree to it."

"The various buyers who joined in the purchase have some sort of a selling pool under an arrangement where they must all begin to sell at the same time so neither one can take advantage of the other. At least, so they told me at Chicago."

Rock for the paving will be purchased from the lowest bidder.

### SIX MEET DEATH IN MINE EXPLOSION

DORTMUND, Germany, Jan. 31.—Six men were known to have met death today in a fire damp explosion at the Ashbaum colliery. The exact number of fatalities had not been learned up to a late hour today.