

PHONE OWNERS WANT WAR RATES IN PEACE

Bell System Official Says Reduction Will Bankrupt Companies.

Washington, May 29—(United Press)—Congress, when it returns the wires should pass a law continuing telephone rate increases granted under government control. N. C. Kingsbury, vice president of the Bell system, told the senate interstate commerce committee today.

Kingsbury was the first witness before the committee on the Kellogg resolution for return of the telephones and telegraphs.

He said if the rates go back to what they were before the government took over the lines August 1, 1918, many companies will face serious conditions and some will become bankrupt.

The rate increases totaled \$22,000,000 a year, Kingsbury said. He declared this was practically absorbed by

wage increases of more than \$22,000,000 in the same period.

Kingsbury said the government had lost \$2,000,000 through operation of the telephones.

As a permanent settlement of the problem, Kingsbury advocated a law relieving the telephone companies of "anomalous different forms of state regulations." He said congress should standardize the control under which the various companies comprising the big systems operate so that they would not be subjected to one sort of regulation in one state and another sort in a different state.

P. P. McKinnon, vice president of the United States Independent Association, representing 11,000 independent telephone companies, urged the committee to return the properties by June 30. He also asked that rate increases be continued temporarily and that congress consider the financial situation of the independents, many of whom have been forced, he said, to forego dividends, due to increased wages and material costs.

Before long, McKinnon said, telephone service in smaller communities will be seriously interfered with, unless congress provides some relief.

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Missouri, Brest to Newport News,

due June 7 with: 306th ammunition train horse battalion; Third corps artillery park; two casual companies.
Kentuckian, St. Nazaire to New York, due June 7 with: 345th field artillery; 315th sanitary train; motor transport company 324.
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