

Burleson Pact To Raise Phone Rates Charged

Postmaster General Agreed to \$30,775,000 Increase Before Fixing Bell Award, Says "Postal Telegraph"

Deficit Was Foreshadowed

Estimate of Profit in 1919 Said to Have Been Based on Additional Revenues

Charges that Postmaster General Burleson has committed himself to a \$30,775,000 increase in telephone rates are made to-day in "The Postal Telegraph," published by the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company.

"The Bell company," the article states, "by its arrangement with the Postmaster General, has been or will be able to increase its revenues by \$30,000,000 at the expense of the taxpayers and telephone subscribers of the United States."

Estimate Foreshadowed Deficit In analyzing the recently published annual report of the Bell company the article says, in part:

"The outstanding and sensational feature of that report for the year 1918 is the publication therein of an estimate of the net revenue to the government from the company's properties August 1 to December 31, 1918. That estimate was apparently prepared by the Bell company and presented to the Postoffice Compensation Committee prior to the fixing of the Bell compensation. It shows that the net result of Mr. Burleson's operation of the Bell lines, from the time of the taking over of those lines on August 1 until December 31, 1918, would result in a deficit to the government of \$3,842,300. The compensation finally arrived at would reduce this estimate to \$1,644,775."

"Then there is an estimate presented by the Bell company to the compensation committee, before compensation was arrived at, showing the net revenue to the government from the Bell telephone properties from January 1, 1919, to December 31, 1919, showing an estimated profit to the government of \$12,477,300 from the operations of the Bell lines during the year 1919. This estimate was conditional on the government increasing the telephone rates by \$30,775,000."

Committed to Increase A study of estimates appearing in the report of the result of government operation of the Bell system, made by representatives of the Postmaster General and handed Bell officials September 5, 1918, is cited as showing that the income account prepared by the company was based on the assumption of a \$30,000,000 increase.

"Hence, it will be seen that while Mr. Burleson was publicly declaring that he was going to decrease rates and that while he publicly announced on December 13 a new schedule of telephone rates, which he stated were a reduction, he had already committed himself to a policy of increased rates for the Bell Telephone Company, which was to net during the year 1919 the sum of \$30,775,000, and he was so committed before he arrived at the compensation for the Bell Telephone Company. Then Postmaster General Burleson also very generously awarded to the Bell company, in addition to the very handsome compensation of \$35,248,641 which he gave them, 4 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts of all the subsidiary companies throughout the United States, which amounts to \$16,000,000. This 4 1/2 per cent has been taken by the Bell Company in the past ostensibly for the use of telephone instruments, engineering services, etc., but various public service commissions, after analysis, have characterized this arrangement as a 'rake-off' in order to keep down the profits of the local companies and thus still demands for reduced rates."

\$765,000,000 Authorized In U. S. Road Bond Issues

Highway Construction Contemplated Is Without Precedent in History of Country

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Bond issues for highway improvements reaching the enormous total of \$765,000,000 have been authorized or are now in process of authorization, according to a compilation of estimates made by the United States Department of Labor. Eighteen states, some of which hitherto have given little attention to the development of adequate roads, are now interested in starting extensive work. The contemplated bond issues are distributed as follows: Arkansas, \$15,000,000; Colorado, \$20,000,000; Georgia, \$40,000,000; Illinois, \$60,000,000; Kansas, \$60,000,000; Michigan, \$50,000,000; Minnesota, \$100,000,000; Missouri, \$60,000,000; Montana, \$15,000,000; North Carolina, \$25,000,000; Oklahoma, \$50,000,000; South Carolina, \$25,000,000; Tennessee, \$40,000,000; Texas, \$75,000,000; Washington, \$30,000,000; West Virginia, \$50,000,000. There is also available about \$550,000,000 combined Federal and state aid funds in addition to the bond issues. This great national movement to build highways on a scale never before contemplated will start many county and municipal projects, which naturally will follow as a result of the main enterprise involving an expenditure of many millions.

Hope in Checking Bolsheviki Seen In Army's Return

Soldiers From France Are Determined to Crush Any "Red" Tendency Here, Asserts Dr. Hornaday

Bolshevism as the "lying lure" that threatens to plunge the whole civilized world into chaos and ruin is the subject of an appeal written by Dr. William T. Hornaday on behalf of the American Defence Society. Russia, Germany, England and the United States are already heavily involved, according to Dr. Hornaday, and Spain, Sweden, Egypt and Chile have reached the preliminary stages. Reviewing the spread of this "world scourge" and its insidious propaganda, Dr. Hornaday finds some hope so far as America is concerned in the return of our soldiers. He writes: "But there is reason to hope that at last the whole vile Bolsheviki crew in America will get what is coming to it. It looks as though the soldiers returned from France are going to take an important hand in the clean-up game. Already in New York their bold demonstrations have stopped the appearance of red flags on our streets, and a few weeks ago they helped put a quick and lasting quietus on the whole profane and lasting German opera that was scheduled to be given in the Lexington Theatre."

"Very many American boys went to France scarcely knowing why they were going to fight. But over there they saw their dead, and their eyes were everlastingly opened. Now a red flag to a soldier is the same as a red flag to a bull. The soldier flies at it. He knows what Russian Bolshevism has cost the Allies in dead men. "And there is one other hope against Bolshevism. The American Federation of Labor is the sworn and outspoken enemy of all the rotteness that flock with Bolshevism in America. If you doubt it read the leading paper of the Federation, called 'The Union.' It will warn the fatty degeneration of your heart. "The anarchists have done and are doing their very utmost to capture American organized labor and Mr. Thompson, but entirely without success. The man who thinks that Bolshevism is not a menace to America is himself a source of danger."

Cardinal Gibbons Consecrates Rev. Dr. Turner as Bishop WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Rev. Dr. William Turner, former professor of philosophy at Catholic University, was consecrated Bishop of Buffalo at the Franciscan Monastery here to-day. The consecration was performed by Cardinal Gibbons, and impressive ceremony marked the occasion. The Right Rev. Nevein H. Baker, administrator of the diocese of Buffalo, assisted, and fifty priests from the Buffalo diocese were among the several hundred clergymen present. Bishop Thomas Shahan, of the Catholic University, preached the consecration sermon. Bishop Turner will leave Washington for Buffalo in a few days to take up the duties of his bishopric.

5,000 Riot as Hall Is Barred To Socialists

Denied Entrance to Building to Hear Debs Speak, Toledo Throgs Break Windows, Flay Mayor

Police Arrest Scores

Convicted Leader Too Ill to Appear, but Crowds Insist on Holding Meeting

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 30.—When they were refused admission by city officials to Memorial Hall, a city building, where Eugene V. Debs was scheduled to speak this afternoon, 5,000 persons stormed the place, broke windows and doors and then paraded the streets, crying "to hell with the Mayor." And all the time Debs was in bed in the Cleveland Hotel here. It was said he was too ill to appear in public. A substitute speaker for Debs arrived about 3:30 o'clock, but when he attempted to make an address in public he was chased away by policemen. More than seventy-five men were arrested, including Thomas Devine, Socialist member of the City Council. Charges of inciting to riot were placed against them, but after 300 policemen had succeeded in breaking up the mobs the prisoners were all released without bail.

Welfare Bills Seem Doomed as Assembly Session Nears Close

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ALBANY, March 30.—After three months of sidestepping the Legislature will have to deal with the important measures pending before it within the next three weeks. More than 2,700 bills have been introduced to date, and except the resolution ratifying the Federal Bone Dry Amendment, no final action has been taken on a single important piece of legislation. There is a disposition on the part of several members of the majority party to make things lively for their leaders before the session ends. These Republican insurgents have accused Thaddeus C. Lowe, speaker of the Assembly, and J. Henry Walters, president pro tem, of the Senate, of having entered into a bipartisan deal with the Governor. Then, too, the legislative leaders are certain of having a few other lights on their hands. One will come from Eugene M. Travis, State Controller, who insists that the need of enacting the Davenport committee 2 per cent personal income tax.

Wants Indirect Taxation Controller Travis declares that all the \$24,000,000 needed to supply the deficit caused by the loss in income revenue and by the growing cost of government can be readily supplied by indirect taxation. Chief among his proposals are an increase in the inheritance tax and an increase in the license fees of automobile owners. The leaders are also certain of a row with Governor Smith, whose legislative program has been practically shattered. They are also in for it with the Women's Joint Legislative Conference, which, in conjunction with the State Federation of Labor, has been trying hard to get through the so-called welfare legislation.

Speaker Sweet has already announced to the women that only one of their bills would be permitted to pass—the Sumner bill, extending the protective features of the labor laws to women elevator operators. This means, unless Speaker Sweet changes his mind, that the health insurance, the minimum wage and the eight-hour day for women, together with the women office and transportation workers' bill, are dead for this session. Final Effort This Week The representatives of the Young Women's Christian Association, the Women Suffrage party, the Consumers' League and the other women's organizations behind the legislation, and James M. Holland, president of the State Federation of Labor, are going to make a final effort to get through the legislation this week. Then there is a likelihood of the old war and dry fight recurring this week when Senator George F. Thompson, of Niagara, moves to discharge the Senate Judiciary Committee from consideration of the Anti-Saloon League dry enforcement bill. This fact at once results in Senator Walters demanding action on his 3 per cent beer bill. There is little chance, however, of either measure being passed at this session. The Democrats are going to try to move the bill legislating out of office the New York City public service commission and creating in its stead a two-headed commission consisting of a regulatory commissioner and four deputies and one commissioner in charge of transit construction. Will Try to Block It This was alleged to have been the quid pro quo of the tentative bi-partisan deal, and insurgent Republicans in the Senate will try to block its passage. That they will have a hard fight on their hands may be judged from the fact that the Democrats need only four Republican votes to put through the legislation. There is little or no chance of any result in the Assembly, as the machine there is well in hand. Another public utility measure of even greater importance is the Martin bill permitting the public service commissions to increase rates of gas and streetcar lines, surface, elevated and subway, notwithstanding any existing agreements, contracts or franchises. The sponsors of the legislation insist that a recent decision of the Court of Appeals in the South Glens Falls gas rate case removes any doubt as to the constitutionality of the proposed bill. This was the only argument against the bill when it was introduced last year. Other important state-wide legislation to be acted on include the teachers' salary increase bills, the firemen's three platoon measure, the so-called liberal measures conferring on localities power to legislate Sunday baseball and Sunday movies and the Gibbs bill restoring boxing and the Walton-Fearon party convention bill. A group of measures known as the Hyman police bills are also likely to meet with opposition. One of these bills would create a court of three inspectors and captains to try all charges against members of the uniformed force not involving dismissal. Some of the New York City men who recall the days when the "daymen" were firmly entrenched and the honest patrolman, together with the incorruptible officers over him, were at the mercy of a few men higher up, declare that the measure would result in a restoration of the old partnership of vice and corrupt police officials and all the evil it entails.

Hottest Mayoralty Fight Chicago Ever Had Nears Close

Late Developments Indicate Great Gain in Sentiment for Sweitzer, Democrat, Over Thompson Machine

Special Correspondence CHICAGO, March 30.—The greatest mayoralty campaign in Chicago's history virtually ended to-night with scattered meetings. Four of the five candidates have issued statements expressing confidence of their election Tuesday. The berth seemingly lies between the Republican incumbent, William Hale Thompson, and Robert Sweitzer, nominee of the reform Democratic party. Claims of victory are being made for Maclay Hoyne, independent candidate, but his strength is doubtful. From labor headquarters the city is being deluged with statements of support for Mayor Thompson, but his chances of success depend solely on the labor vote.

Happenings of the last few days showed a great gain in sentiment for Sweitzer. Several of the big Thompson meetings have failed to attract great crowds, whereas the Sweitzer meetings have shown the opposite result. If it were not for the fact that the powerful Thompson machine has counted on victory, it is believed. An unusual feature of the election day will be the "general strike" called by organized labor to picket the polls and the worker ample opportunity to cast his ballot. The total vote, the leaders believe, will be a record breaker—at least, 700,000. The total registration is approximately 793,000. The Hoyne people to-day get the largest consolation out of this indicated vote. The larger the total vote, and argued, the greater the number of independent and anti-Thompson voters and of this element Mr. Hoyne was confident he would be supported by an overwhelming majority.

Cleveland Socialists Indorse Bolshevism

"No More Reforms, We Want Revolutions," Declares Candidate for Mayor

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 30.—"No more reforms in the present economic and political system will be supported. Our whole plan is revolution," declared C. E. Ruthenberg, former Socialist candidate for Mayor, who presided at a meeting of Cleveland Socialists here to-day, at which the "left wing" platform, which ally the organization with the Bolsheviki and Spartacists, was adopted. The action of the meeting, practically unanimous, according to Mr. Ruthenberg, eliminates as a force in Cleveland politics the "right" or conservative section of the party, which would bring its principles into practice by their votes. The meeting indorsed a call for an international convention which would include representatives of the Communist party of Russia (Bolsheviki) and the Communist Labor party (Spartacists) of Germany.

Compensation Law Fight May Extend Legislature

Governor's Measure to End Direct Settlements Will Start Contest

ALBANY, March 30.—An announcement to-night of intention to introduce soon an administration bill to eliminate the "direct settlements" provision from the workmen's compensation law forecasts a vigorous fight during the closing days of the legislative session. It may cause the session to extend well into May. Legislative leaders had hoped to be able to dispose of the taxation problem—the really big issue yet to be met—in three weeks, and adjourn since before the last of April. With the injection of the new subject so late, an extra session is not an improbability. Accompanying Governor Smith's announcement that an anti-direct settlement bill would be introduced promptly was a report of an investigation of the subject which declared that the amendment to the compensation law authorizing direct settlements was "a total failure." The report was made by Senator E. P. Connor, of Oneida, appointed by the Governor.

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Saks & Company at 34th St. In the Heart of New York—Direct by Subway, Tube and "L" We have made unusual preparations for a Sale Today and Tuesday of Women's Handsome Tailored Suits at \$33.50 —the values are certainly exceptional

Although the price is modest, the assortment of models is not by any means limited, including exquisite blouse, box and straight-line effects, strictly tailored or trimmed with silk braiding. Skilfully produced in Men's wear serge, Poiret twills, gabardines, pencil stripings, worsted checks and tweeds with smart detachable vests in contrasting materials. Sizes 34 to 44. Three Styles pictured. Fourth Floor.

Fashion's Latest Conceits are shown today in a special offering of Women's Wraps, Capes and Coats at \$29.50, 39.50 and 45.00

Paris Has Created Wonderful Fur Pieces for Summer We are now showing the most individual models created, in the choicest peltries, at very reasonable prices. Featured Specially for Monday and Tuesday: Natural Mink Scarfs, two skins... \$35.00 Jap. Marten Scarfs, two skins... \$52.50 Kolinsky Scarfs, four skins... \$60.00 Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs, one skin... \$67.50 Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs, two skins... \$90.00 Mole Scarfs, in novelty effects... \$22.50 Squirrel Scarfs, in novelty effects... \$27.50 Wolf Scarfs, in animal effects... \$28.50 Fox Scarfs, in animal effects... \$35.00

Exquisite Coatees, Capes and Stoles are also offered today in a variety of the very newest styles shown in Paris at \$79.50 to \$495 Do This Today—Send your old clothes to the nearest Red Cross Station. Your brother in Europe is in dire distress, and needs all the discarded clothing the Red Cross can gather.

Limited to Monday Only—Sale of Women's Smart Skirts in Royalty satin, Baronette satin, Fan-ta-si, and wash satin At \$14.75 The newest and most exclusive skirts shown for Spring, beautifully tailored, and exhibiting many original style treatments in pockets and belts. All wanted colors. We cannot possibly duplicate these values when our present assortments are depleted.

These Naturally Wavy Switches at \$5 can be braided, twisted or coiled into the very latest mode at a moment's notice. They are a first aid in perfecting the new coiffure, and at \$5 are certainly excellent value. All shades, including a wide assortment in grey. A Wonderful Collection of New Brassieres and Bandeaux for Spring for slender, average and large figures. The collection includes the celebrated Nemo, Bien Jolie, W. B., Ovida, A. P., Model, Albert, and De Bevois makes. Sizes range from 32 to 50. Prices: 50c to \$12

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