

### PHONE COMPANY SAYS NEW RATES APPLY DURING WAR

Experts of the Public Utilities Commission today are going over the testimony offered at the telephone rate hearing by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company preparatory to the presentation of the people's case when the hearing is resumed at a date to be set by the commission.

With the company's case in and cross-examination of T. P. Sylvan, representative of the Eastern group of companies, completed, the hearing was adjourned late yesterday since die.

Commissioner Brownlow announced, at the close of the hearing that the appearance of the District Commissioners before the House subcommittee considering the District appropriation bill today made necessary the adjournment.

This and other important matters before the Commissioners will cause some delay in hearing the people's side of the rate inquiry.

With the announcement to the commission by both Mr. Sylvan and Robert V. Mayre, general counsel of the Eastern group, that the present request for relief through increase in rates was only for the present emergency, cross-examination of Mr. Sylvan, after five days on the stand, was brought to an end.

In reply to a question by Edward E. Clement, attorney for the Board of Trade, as to whether the present demands represented a permanent standard of rates on which future financing would be based, the witness declared only relief for the duration of the war emergency was contemplated by the company.

He gave assurance that in the future if it was found that the rates asked for provided more revenue than the company required, it would welcome action by the Public Utilities Commission reducing rates, and would even take the initiative in the matter.

Mr. Mayre also gave this assurance and said the company courted constant observation by the commission with a view to a reduction when times become normal and the burdens on the company are not so great.

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### Shot Husband for Tearing Liberty Bond.



**MRS. MAUD N. KAFITZ.**  
Because her husband, William Kafitz, a wealthy retired German, attempted to tear up Liberty bonds which she had purchased, Mrs. Maud N. Kafitz, an American woman, shot and seriously wounded him at their palatial residence at Los Angeles, Cal.

The police refused to arrest her.

### TOBACCOLESS DAYS IN EFFECT IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Tobaccoless days are now in effect in Paris. In fact, on only one day in the week are cigarettes and tobacco sold, and then for only thirty minutes.

If your supply gives out, you just have to wait until next week or borrow from a friend.

A squad of police is required to preserve order, while the weekly supply is being dealt out and to pacify those who are still in line when the sign is hung out bearing the legend, "No More Tobacco."

### MEADE THEATER TO OPEN DOORS NEXT TUESDAY

**CAMP MEADE.** Jan. 9.—Uncle Sam's fighters here will be the first to profit by the Commission on Training Camp Activities, plan to produce shows at army cantonments. It was learned today, when announcement was made that the Liberty Theater element in the board of directors showed its first performance for the soldiers.

Every afternoon and every evening there will be some attraction at the theater from the opening date until the boys leave for France. There are to be standard plays, produced by first class companies, musical comedies, motion pictures, and vaudeville.

Division headquarters announced today that the enrollment of the student officers' camp had been increased to 720 men, 200 in excess of the original estimate. Of this number 517 are from the list of selectives at the camp, 89 from the United States ambulance camp at Allentown, and the remainder from colleges given appointments.

Col. John K. Tilson, member of Congress from Connecticut, and I. M. Ellman, Republican leader from that State, were visitors to the camp yesterday as the guests of Judson McKim, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Helen Nicholson Crean, daughter of General Nicholson, camp commander, has been selected by General Pershing to conduct a French army Y. M. C. A. hut near the firing line on the west front. Her husband is a captain in the British artillery, aide to General Handlarlands, commander of artillery in the Palestine drive.

### NATIONAL BOARD PLANS TO STIMULATE SHOOTING

Reorganization of the national board for the promotion of rifle practice was ordered today by Secretary of War Baker.

The board will meet tomorrow afternoon to make plans for stimulating interest in rifle practice in all branches of the service, including the national guard, home guard organizations, civilian rifle clubs, colleges, and schools.

### W. R. & E. SHAKE-UP MAY FOLLOW PLAN TO CHANGE BY-LAWS

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to dispense with the services of officials without waiting for the terms of office to expire. The truth is that a reorganization of the official personnel of the company has been talked of for some months, and has not been lost sight of by strong members in the board of directors.

Serious consideration has been given to the subject of bringing in new executive blood at the meeting to be held next week. At this time, however, the tendency seems to be to re-elect Charles P. King as president and continue the other officers with him, with a tacit understanding that there may be a thorough overhauling at any time in the future.

**Would Effect Peeps.**  
Inasmuch as the Washington Railway and Electric Company owns the Potomac Electric Power Company a change in the executive management of the former would likewise mean a change in the latter.

The stockholders and directors are fully cognizant of the almost helpless plight of the operating department of the railway company and of the hostile public sentiment that has been where apparent, with the demands upon the utilities commission that early action be taken to better the service of the interest of the public.

Some of the directors are inclined to let the organization remain as it is, believing that President King and his assistants are struggling against odds that cannot be successfully overcome by any other chief executive.

They also have in mind the probability that before many months the street railway lines must pass into Federal or municipal control, thereby shifting the burdens that now confront the company. These men point out that Mr. King's attitude upon the big strike last spring by pursuing policies of breaking the strike that had the approval of the board of directors.

**Victory at Heavy Cost.**  
The misfortunes that have followed the company since that time were not of his creation. The company won the strike, but at huge financial loss. It was left with the worst bunch of irresponsible carmen ever seen here. The war came on top of the strike, with the consequent scarcity in man power, and his help has been fighting the irresistible current for months, according to this view.

Those wanting a change say that it cannot be made until the present situation is much longer. All personal considerations for present officials must be put aside. The public, backed by the Utilities Commission, is demanding action that means improvement, and that action is coming through some channel. It will have to be an upheaval, too, to accomplish anything. The best thing, these men believe, is to wade right in and put new blood in charge, so that at least an attempt may be made to satisfy the public's demands.

**As to Dividends.**  
Because of heavy financial losses during and since the strike, much of it through a brazen "knocking down" process, the company some time ago reduced its dividend on common stock from 4 to 6 per cent. Whether further reduction will be necessary is to be determined.

While the Washington Railway and Electric has been losing money, the Capital Traction Company, in spite of war conditions, was able to give an extra dividend to its stockholders. The latter company has never had so many passengers—particularly in one car—as during the last nine months, and the fares have been collected and turned in.

### SEVEN APPLY FOR FIRST NATURALIZATION PAPERS

At the office of John R. Young, clerk of the District Supreme Court, today a number of Russians, an East Indian, a British subject, and two English girls made applications for their first papers.

They were: Philip Hotberg, Russian, farmer, 714 Four-and-a-half street southwest, married; came to this country in May, 1914; Stephen Darje, thirty years, old, steward, 2328 Massachusetts avenue northwest, native of Barrerling, India, married, arrived in United States in January, 1913; Thorald Fitzgebert Padmore, thirty-three years old, postoffice agent, born in British Guiana, 1612 O street northwest; came to America in 1888; Amelia Lyons, twenty years old, typist, 1135 Twelfth street northwest, English, arrived in the United States in 1912; Carrie Lyons, dressmaker, twenty-three years old, English, 1133 Twelfth street northwest; Sonye Os

### West Pointer Quits Red Cross to Fight



**MAJOR GRAYSON MURPHY.**  
Major Grayson Murphy has resigned as head of the American Red Cross in Europe to join the regular army. Major Murphy is a graduate of West Point. He has been in France for some time organizing the Red Cross work there.

car, second-hand clothing, 727 Four-and-a-half street southwest, Russian, fifty-one years old, arrived in New York from Russia in 1887, and Frank Gordon, Russian, tailor, thirty-one years old, 1403 Thirty-seventh street northwest, arrived in New York in 1904.

### THEO. J. PICKETT, EXPERT ENGINEER, LONG AILING, DIES

Theodore J. Pickett, for many years a resident of this city, and well known as an engineer claims attorney, is dead at his home, 1943 Biltmore street northwest. He had been an invalid for five years.

Mr. Pickett was a graduate of St. John's College, New York, and of the Georgetown Law School, class of '88, holding a degree as a civil engineer from the firm named and one of law from the local university.

The latter part of his life was spent as an attorney, but he will perhaps be best remembered for his accomplishments as an engineer. Together with Gen. Peter Haines, he directed the drainage of the Potomac flats and the construction of the Tidal Basin, here.

Mr. Pickett is survived by Mrs. Pickett and two sons. His funeral will be held from St. Paul's Church tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Rock Creek cemetery.

### TWO MEN ESCAPE FROM U. S. INSANE HOSPITAL

Two patients escaped from the Government Hospital for the Insane today. One man weighs 200 pounds and the other weighs 175 pounds. Both men are thirty-five years old.

One is Michael Brooker, six feet tall, and 175 pounds, said to be dressed in a coat, artillery uniform, wearing tan shoes and a worsted cap. He is described by the police as having "a smooth face and hair cut short." The police also said that he is "a very hard character."

The other man, O. B. Smith, is the 200-pounder. "Dark hair, smooth face, dark suit, short black overcoat,

### Sims Says He'll Vote For Suffrage If He Has To Go on a Stretcher

Congressman T. W. Sims of Tennessee, father of Mrs. Louis Brownlow, assayed 100 per cent pure on equal suffrage.

Mr. Sims recently suffered a broken shoulder when he slipped on the ice.

"I'm going to the House tomorrow to vote for the suffrage amendment if I have to be carried there on a stretcher," he told a suffrage delegation today.

### MISS O'TOOLE CHOSEN DIRECTOR BY CHAMBER

Miss Mary O'Toole, an attorney, today has the distinction of being the first woman member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss O'Toole was elected at the annual meeting of the Chamber last night when ten directors were chosen to fill vacancies on the board. She received the third highest number of votes and the announcement of her election was greeted by prolonged applause by the members. Orlis of "Speech" went unwarded.

For the last four years Miss O'Toole has been a practicing attorney in the District and a member of the Chamber for the last two. She was placed in nomination by A. Leftwich Sinclair, president of the Chamber, who at the time took occasion to compliment her highly for her interest and activity in the work of the organization.

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