COMMISSION TO FIGHT TO HOLD JURISDICTION

Will Combat Legislation to Place Wire Companies Under Control of Federal Board.

WANT CONTROL RETURNED

Oklahoma Commission Sends Telegram of Protest to State's Congressional Delegation.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 29.—The state corporation commission, in common with the public utilities control boards of many other states is making a vigorous protest against the so-called "corrective legislation" proposed in connection with the return of the telephone and telegraph companies to their former owners. This "corrective legislation" is aimed to leave the wire companies under the control of a federal board instead of under the jurisdiction of the state commissions. The Oklahoma commission has sent the following telegram to members of the Oklahoma congressional delegation as well as to the chairmen of the congressional committees having the legislation in charge:

"The commission and the people of Oklahoma emphatically favor the return of the wire properties to their former owners, with the control in the hands of the state commissions. Federal control to date has been accompanied by higher rates and poorer service. All local telephone and 85 per cent of long distance calls are intrastate, and in the province of state control. The state commissions understand local conditions and can best deal with companies with fairness, both to the companies and their customers.

"We are taking this stand in the interest of the people of Oklahoma," said Art L. Walker, chairman of the corporation commission. "When we receive a complaint regarding the telephone situation from a certain district of any Oklahoma city or county we are familiar with the situation, directly interested in it, and give it prompt attention. Suppose the complaint had to go to some department at Washington. Those handling it would be ignorant of the local situation, and interested in Oklahoma only as one of the 48 states. It is evident that our own commission can handle such questions for the best interest of our own people."

EIGHTY MEN ARE MISSING IN MUNITION EXPLOSION

By The Associated Press.

LONDON, May 29.—As a result of a fire in a building occupied by American troops in the Coblenz district and the explosion of a munition dump yesterday, 80 men are missing, according to a Cologne dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

A later dispatch from Cologne says that the fire and explosion occurred near the frontier of the Bavarian palatinate which is in the French area of occupation.

The foregoing report bears a similarity to one received from London Tuesday night reporting the destruction by fire of a building used as a barracks by occupation troops at Ludwigshafen on the Rhine opposite Mannheim, causing the death of 40 soldiers and the injury of 100 others. This dispatch also was based on a German report, coming from Berlin by way of Copenhagen to a London news agency. Ludwigshafen is in the French area of occupation.

SERGEANT YORK GIVEN OVATION BY HOME FOLK

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 29.—Sergeant Alvin C. York, "greatest hero of the world war," returned to Tennessee today and was given an ovation when his train stopped at Knoxville en route to Fort Oglethorne where he will be mustered out. "I want to go home to see my mother first of all," York told a committee which invited him to return here for a reception after he leaves the service.

McCrory Moderator

MONMOUTH, Ill., May 29.—The general assembly of the United Presbyterian church of North America, which convened here last night

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STATE HOUSE NOTES

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 29.—The Chamber of Commerce of Ada has taken up a campaign for the erection of a monument to the memory of the first white man who died in Pontotoc county, the