

LOWER WIRE RATE FOR PRESS TOLD

Firm Cuts Charges as Word-
age Increases, U. S.
Board Hears.

By the Associated Press.

The Press Wireless, Inc., is handling news matter at a lower rate than the wire telegraph companies and making money, Joseph Pierson, president, testified yesterday at a hearing of the Federal Communications Commission into telegraph rates and rules.

Pierson said his company was constantly studying costs and, as the wordage increased, lowering costs per word.

Pierson followed O. H. Griswold, vice president of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., who said his company wants press traffic and that no change should be made in press rates.

Chairman Stewart announced that on March 25 leased wire services of all types would be taken up. He said a large number of persons had informed the commission they wished to appear. Evidence on commercial press rates probably will be concluded Thursday.

"We feel very strongly," said Griswold in discussing press rates, "that the press traffic is what we want to handle and recommend that no change whatsoever be made in press rates. There ought not be anything to hinder the free flow of press traffic. No company should have an exclusive contract to bottle up news."

Griswold said his company's press business totaled \$700,000 a year out of the grand total of \$21,000,000 of business done.

TWO FALL TO DEATH AS PLANE BELTS SNAP

Man and Woman Drop 2,500 Feet
to Plowed Field in "Mild
Wingover."

By the Associated Press.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 19.—An attempt to perform a "mild wingover" caused two persons to be catapulted from an airplane to their deaths, Joe Miller, the pilot, told authorities yesterday.

Ester Goldback, 22, and Robert Hyer, 23, dropped 2,500 feet to a plowed field near Medical Lake, Wash., Sunday when their safety belts snapped while the plane was flying bottom side up. Miller and two other passengers in the open cockpit plane, Irene Hyer and Arnold Ackerlund, were saved by their belts.

\$1,789,000,000 SOUGHT

Illinois Can Use Relief Money for
Public Works.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 19 (AP).—Illinois yesterday took inventory of its public works possibilities and announced that the State could use \$1,789,000,000 of the \$4,880,000,000 work relief appropriation which President Roosevelt has placed before Congress.

Gov. Horner sent to the National Resources Board, headed by Secretary Ickes, a detailed list of recommendations for the expenditure in Illinois of \$480,000,000 within 18 months and for an additional \$1,309,000,000 within four years.

Proposed New G. P. O.



Architect's sketch of structure proposed to replace the Government Printing Office at North Capitol and H streets, declared to be an eyesore and dangerous firetrap. This is included in the \$6,000,000 building program for the Government Printing Office proposed in the Senate by Senator Hayden, Democrat, of Arizona, Saturday. The plan also provides for erection of a warehouse for paper and other supplies on the east side of North Capitol street, opposite the printing establishment.

REPUBLIC STEEL DENIES PLAN TO CREATE TRUST

Fights U. S. Claim That Merger
With Corrigan, McKinney Firm
Would Create Monopoly.

By the Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, March 19.—The Republic Steel Corp. attacked in Federal Court yesterday the Government's charge that its proposed merger with the Corrigan, McKinney Steel Corp. would be a violation of the Clayton anti-trust act.

Attorneys for the Republic characterized as "ridiculous" an assertion by an assistant United States attorney general that merger of the companies would create a monopoly.

Walter L. Rice, special assistant attorney general, said in his opening statement to Judge Fred M. Raymond of Grand Rapids, Mich., that both companies served identical customers in pig iron in nine States in 1933.

The two companies sold 15.8 per cent of all semi-finished steel in the United States from April, 1933, to April, 1934, he said.

W. B. Cockley, attorney for Republic, replied that the Government, to support its charge of monopoly, must show competition has been eliminated to the detriment of the public.

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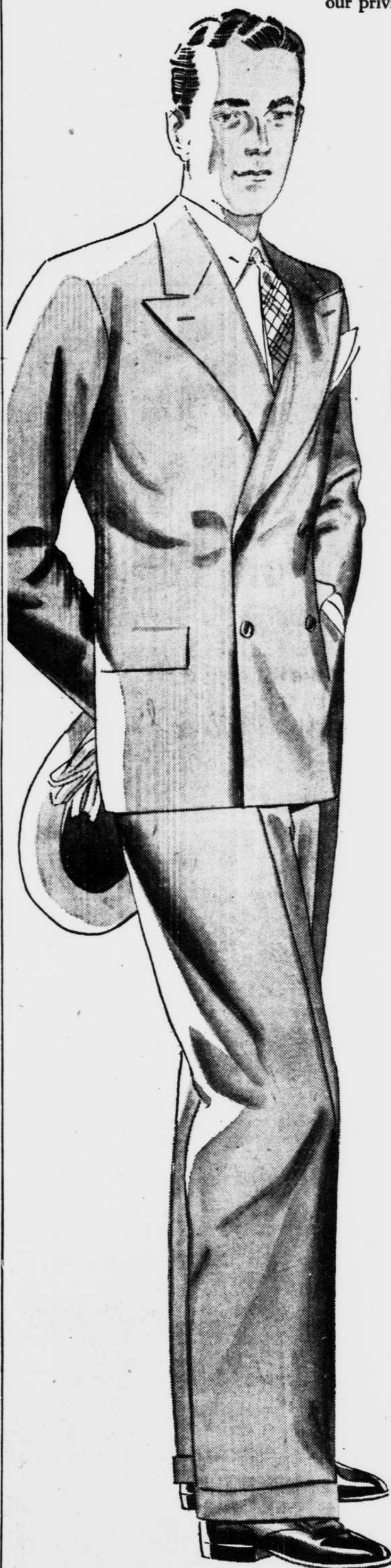
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