

U. S. WOULD TAKE OVER PHONE OF D. C.

Postmaster Burleson's Proposal Now Before Congress First Adventure in Municipal Public Utilities.

Washington, March 16.—Postmaster General Burleson's proposal now before congress, to take over and operate the national capital's telephone system heralds the first venture by the federal government in municipal public utilities.

It is his annual reports to congress the postmaster general has repeatedly recommended government operation of interstate telephone and telegraph lines as part of the postal establishment. Evidently he regarded the time opportune to propose that the post office department should make a start by creating the local system on surplus revenues of the postal service and without increasing rates on surplus pay of employees. Expense of operation is estimated can be reduced by the use of government-owned lines.

The use of these great facilities of communicating by electricity, said Mr. Burleson in a letter to Vice President Marshall, "is woefully restricted among the masses of the people by the necessities of the interest of private persons who own and manage them. Among the masses of the people, even here in Washington, the capital of the richest country in the world, the majority are shown to be denied this great convenience. Service should be provided at reasonable cost, in fact at as low cost as efficient service permits, so that the largest number possible may use it.

The conclusion cannot be escaped that private rate-making is responsible for the out-of-date and inadequate telephone service and for its resulting break down from congestion of traffic in Washington. And the local company proposes relief only by destroying, through higher rates, even more of the existing traffic of the city.

Referring to the telephone system of the entire country, Mr. Burleson disclosed "it costs the American as much to send his communication over the wires, mile for mile, as it costs him to ship a ton of freight on the railway."

Comparing toll line rates in Continental Europe and America, Mr. Burleson gave congress figures to show that the average American rate for 100 miles is 60 cents against 20 cents abroad; \$1.80 for 300 miles as against 37 cents abroad; \$2.40 for 400 miles as against 39 cents abroad; \$3 for 500 miles as against 40 cents abroad, and \$4.20 for 700 miles as against 53 cents abroad.

Goodyear Tire Company Employees Are Stockholders

"For years the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company of Akron, O., has believed in making stockholders of such of its employees as have shown special ability and rendered highly efficient service," asserts Joe M. Dine, local branch manager. "The result of this policy has been so satisfactory that the company recently offered to its employees a stock purchasing opportunity, carrying one of the most attractive investments that any large body of employees have ever had placed before them.

"Tabulation of the results of the two weeks' stock offer shows that more than 6,000 employees have become stockholders in the company, through the purchase of from one to 10 shares of the new issue of Goodyear second preferred, 8 per cent cumulative stock. The amount subscribed by employees at Akron and the various branches throughout the country reached in excess of \$1,300,000.

New Balloon Field Will Be Constructed at Fort Omaha

Construction work will begin in Florence field, the new addition to Fort Omaha, Monday morning. Mess halls and other buildings will be constructed and roads will be built.

Funeral Services Sunday For Bernard W. Capen

Funeral services for Bernard W. Capen will be held at 3 o'clock p. m., Sunday at First Unitarian church, Mrs. Pettigill of Portland, Me., a sister, has arrived. Mr. Capen was a member of the American Society of Electrical Engineers, the Field club and University club. He was 37 years of age and is survived by Mrs. Capen and child. He was in the engineering department of the Nebraska Telephone company.

Station Agents Report Farmers Busy in Fields

Weather reports to the railroads indicate that out in Nebraska spring has come with a rush. Station agents reported temperatures of 25 to 46 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Some of the reports sent in by the agents told of farmers at work in their fields, and all recorded bright sunshine, with indications of warmer weather.

Call for Girls to Take Up Nursing

Three hundred volunteers for nurse's training are wanted by the woman's committee of the Nebraska Council of Defense. An appeal is being made to the young womanhood of the state by Miss Mary Cogil, chairman of the nurses' training division. "Nurses are needed not only in the Red Cross ranks to send abroad, but they are needed to fill the gaps at home in the nursing staffs to prevent a breakdown in the health standard in the United States," says Miss Cogil. She is particularly interested in securing young women who are well educated, to volunteer for nurses' training at this time, and says that school teachers make mighty good nurses.

Nebraska has 1400 registered nurses. Of these 200 are Red Cross nurses, which represents more than 9 per cent of our number. Nebraska's quota of Red Cross nurses is 245, which is 45 more than have already enlisted. Nebraska has about 125 nurses graduating this year from the various training schools in the state. This number will fall short of filling the gap in the nursing ranks.

Miss Cogil has secured an opening for special classes for Nebraska college graduates in New York hospitals Blackwell's Island, the New York City hospital which has 1,000 beds will take a special class of 25 college girls from Nebraska. King's county hospital will do the same and Mt. Sinai will take 20 girls. Girls with the proper credentials will be given a special concession of six months which will make it possible for them to complete their courses in two years.

Miss Cogil will furnish all information to interested girls. Her address is Apartment 202 Lei Lau Far Lincoln, Neb.



Miss Mary Cogil

Indiana Steel City Does Not Have to Observe Lightless Nights

(Correspondent of Associated Press) Gary, Ind., Jan. 12.—Gary is one of the few cities in the country that can snap its fingers at the fuel administration's order to observe "lightless nights" in order to conserve fuel. It is not because the city is unpatriotic, but because if it does not use the electricity it has on hand to light the city, the current will have to be dissipated in the blue, thin atmosphere.

The peculiar condition is the direct result, moreover, of war necessity. The government must have steel. In order to have steel it must have coke; in order to have coke, a certain amount of coal must be burned and in the coking of the coal so many by-products are formed that it would be sheer waste not to use everything.

When coal is coked, there are 750 by-products taken off. The most worthless of these is gas and the most valuable is benzol. The gas obtained here drives 50 engines in the power houses, each of 33,000 horse power, besides running the blowers for the blast furnaces and performing other tasks. The gas engines, in turn, generate electricity, not only all that is used for the steel mills, in which there are 12 blast furnaces continuously turning out pig iron, but also enough to operate the cement plant, five miles away; a bridge company's plant; some big tin mills; lighting for

the entire city and to run a couple of street car lines. The coke ovens also make enough gas for all purposes—too much, in fact, for at each end of the steel mills there is a four foot exhaust pipe which sends a tongue of flame, four feet thick, 50 feet into the air at all

times when the ovens are running full blast. Hence Gary is in no danger of becoming a dark city because of "excessive use" of its light sources.

A Swift Duck. "Mr. Flint, I—er—ah—that is, can I—er—h'm!—will you—" "Why, yes, my boy; you may have her." "Eh? Have whom?" "My daughter, of course! You want to marry her, don't you?" "No, sir. I came to see if you would endorse my note for \$100—" "Certainly not! Why, I hardly know you!"—Puck.

Son Born to Marshal Haig, Commander English Forces

London, March 16.—A son was born to Lady Haig, wife of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander in chief of the expeditionary force in France and Flanders, on Friday night. Field Marshal Haig, then General Haig, was married in 1905 to the honorable Dorothy Vivian, daughter of the third lord Vivian. They have one daughter who was born several years ago.

Chatter and Chaff Out of the City Hall

Bessie Wilson of the Board of Public Welfare says she dislikes a man who is always talking about himself.

"Jim" Jelen of the city clerk's office has smallpox.

Ralph Roach of the engineering department points with pride to the candidacy of Mueky Mullen for city commissioner.

These are busy days in the city clerk's office, with politics and things.

"Lion Shot" Murphy was seen in the city hall yesterday.

Charles Withnell says he is preparing a campaign speech that will make the folks sit up and take notice.

George Parks, head of the street cleaning department, expects to "clean up" in the South Side on April 9.

Belle Ryan can sing "Over There" without musical accompaniment.

City Attorney Rine is wishing that he had his stolen automobile back.

Italy Suffers Defeat In "Battle of Bourbon"

Italy suffered a decisive defeat in the "Battle of Bourbon," in police court Saturday when Paul Graconi, 723 South Seventeenth street, was fined \$200 for illegal possession and sale of liquor. On behalf of the Irish, Judge Fitzgerald presided and pronounced sentence.

Other warring nations were represented by one pint of "Old Joffre" whisky for France, one pint of "American Trade" for the United States, and one pint of "Old English Club" in memory of the German cruiser. The whisky was used as evidence.

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