BURLESON'S ATTITUDE ON TUBES IS SCORED

Senators Say Postmaster General Misstated Facts in Letter

ADMIT HIGH COST HERE

Members of Investigating Committee Declare Pneumatic Service Saves Time

Washington May 4.

In a letter sent to every member of the Senate, Senators Bankhead, Hardwick and Weeks, members of the Congressional Pneumatic Tube Commission, accused Postmaster General Burleson of attempting unduly to influence votes in the Senate against the retention of the tubes as recommended in the report of the commission.

Mr. Burleson recently wrote a letter to each member of the Senate protesting against this recommendation. In his annual report, he said he "would not accept the pneumatic tubes as a gift." The commission recommended that they be purchased and operated by the Government. They are at present rented at the rate of $17,500 a mile in the cities where they are employed—Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis.

It is charged by the three Senators signing the letter that Mr. Burleson's letter not only contains "a number of glaring misstatements of fact," but that the implied statements in the missive "cannot be construed other than as a n attempt to prejudice the minds of Senators and to discredit the report of the commission."

Department Not Ignored

The letter, in part, follows:

"The Postmaster General, apparently not content with having repeatedly recommended the abandonment of tube service, attempts further to influence the action of Senators and presents arguments against the utility value of the tubes which he and his assistants have heretofore repeatedly submitted to Congress, every one of which were presented by the department to the commission and, after careful consideration, were decided adversely to the contention of the department.

"The commission not only did not ignore the department during its investigation, but at the very outset requested the Postmaster General to designate one of his experts having knowledge of tube service to assist the commission, which was done. The expert rendered the commission valuable service.

"The implied statement in his letter, expressing regret that the commission did not summon his officials having knowledge of the subject and that was ignored, cannot be construed other than an attempt to prejudice the minds of Senators and to discredit the report of the commission.

High Cost in Philadelphia

"Aside from the statements that the cost of advancing each letter in Philadelphia is thirteen and one-half cents, and that the cost per mile of tube service is greater than the cost of carrying the mail on all railroads entering New York, three times as much as paid those entering Boston and one-sixth of the entire cost of screen wagon, automobile, etc, the various objections to tube service pointed out by the Postmaster General are discussed and considered in the report of the commission.

"We believe the other statements referred to both as untrue and as having an unfair tendency to influence Senators, who have not the time to make independent investigation of the facts, to vote against the recommendations of the commission and the Senate Postoffice Committee. The Postmaster General in his letter emphasizes the franchise rights to be acquired under the legislation proposed, notwithstanding that the report of the commission discusses that feature and points out that no value is attached to franchise rights, since the Government is not required to procure a franchise, and the legislation proposed specifically provides that no franchise conditions imposing a charge shall be recognized.

"In the city of Chicago, under the terms of the present franchise, the property in the streets shall vest in the city in 1923. The legislation proposed directs the Interstate Commerce Commission in fixing a valuation of the systems to take into consideration such a situation as exists in Chicago. The city Council of that city recently adopted a resolution requesting Congress to continue the tube service.

Declares Tubes Necessary

"The present attitude of the Postmaster General regarding tube service is contrary to the judgment of each predecessor in office, of five congressional investigating committees, including one as late as 1914, of which Senator Hoke Smith was chairman, and Joseph Stewart, regarded as the best authority on postal affairs in this country, was a member, and of the expression of every commercial, civic and business organization concerned in the public welfare of the cities involved that has taken the trouble or the time to investigate the question.

"During the hearings in each city not a protest was raised against the service, but to the contrary all earnestly contended that street congestion, delays and the uncertainty of automobile service, especially during periods of severe storms, the importance of quick, reliable and constantly available collection and delivery of first-class mail made it imperative that the tubes be retained."

SHORE PROPERTY SUIT DECIDED AGAINST VARES

Archibald S. Lambert Adjudged Owner of Tract at Atlantic City

Trenton, May 4.—The Court of Errors has upheld a decree advised by Vice Chancellor Learning in proceedings brought by Archibald S. Lambert against Mrs. Ida M. Vare, wife of William S. Vare, of Philadelphia.

The effect of the decision was to hold that Mr. Lambert is the owner of the title to property in Atlantic City which was in dispute and that Mrs. Vare holds no estate or interest in the property. The affirmance was based on the opinion filed in the lower court by Vice Chancellor Learning.

The Court of Errors and Appeals handed down a decision affirming the Supreme Court in ousting Edward T. Haines from his position as superintendent of weights and measures of Burlington County. The decision is a victory for John Burtis, whose title to the office both courts upheld.

Carbon County Over Quota

Mauch Chunk, May 4.—Carbon County with a Liberty Loan quota of $1,216,000 has subscribed $1,859,000 in bonds, and David J. Fersall, county chairman, is the happiest man in Carbon. From present indications the subscriptions will easily reach $2,000,000.

East Mauch Chunk's loan totals $16,000, with more than 600 subscriptions. Mauch Chunk has 901 subscribers to bonds.

BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Above are four of the sons of Mrs. Ellen A. Clark, 2029 East Dauphin street, Kensington, who are serving their country. Two other sons also are in the service and a seventh is preparing to enlist. From top to bottom are George W. Clark, with the naval coast defense reserves at Cape May; Harry E. Clark, on the U. S. S. Delaware; William Clark, gun captain on the steamship Berwind, and James G. Clark, a first-class yeoman, stationed at League Island

BRITAIN MAY BUY SALOON

Purchase of Liquor Traffic Favored; Cost More Than $2,000,000,000

London, May 4.—The committee appointed to investigate the question of the purchase and control by the State of the liquor traffic has reported in favor of the feasibility of the scheme.

The cost is estimated at more than $2,000,000,000, but less than $2,500,000,000.

The Scottish and Irish committees favor including wholesalers in the plan, and also making the purchase of the stocks of liquor a separate transaction from other assets, thus solving the difficulty concerning the inflation of whisky prices during the war by application of the principle of the excess-profits duty. The English committee, dealing with a smaller liquor business, declares the bulk of the stock may be regarded as working capital and that its value should be included in the sum arrived at by capitalizing the net profits of the concerns owning them. This committee maintains that the trade should be bought out on the basis of the profit it was capable of earning before the war.

WOODEN SOLES FOR ARMY

Experiments Will Be Made to Save Leather

Brockton, Mass., May 4.—Wooden shoes as a substitute for leather in army shoes will be experimented with, according to a Government order. An order for 1000 soles to be made with both maple and poplar wood has been placed with a firm in this city.

The manufacturers assert that a saving of nearly $2 a pair can be made if the sole is found to answer requirements.

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OLD TIMERS AT MEADE MAY GO UNDER CANVAS

Flood of Selects Coming Under Lates tCall Presents Housing Problem

By a Staff Correspondent

Camp Meade, Admiral, Md., May 4.

How Little Penn is to house the flood of selects that will be called to the colors during the latter part of the month is a problem that is not easy for Major General Joseph E. Kuhn to solve.

Although definite figures concerning the number of men that the war chiefs will send to this cantonment under the new draft plan are lacking, it is believed that the number will overtax the barracks to such an extent that thousands of trained men will be forced to live under canvas.

New arrivals that have been pouring in since April 25 are being quartered with regular units, for the barracks set aside for the exclusive use of the 154th Depot Brigade, an organization that receives new men, are filled to the hilt.

With regular organizations down to 50 per cent of their war strength it has been possible to quarter hundreds of the men with these units, but the plan of the War Department to send additional thousands to Little Penn presents a housing problem that is unprecedented.

Ranking officers point to the futility of putting raw troops under canvas and offer, as the only solution for the problem, the one alternative, namely, the ousting of regular units from their barracks. This step means that trained men would be compelled to live under canvas and, judging from the comments made by the doughboys when they were on the rifle range, such an order would cause but few heartaches.

The various infantry and artillery organizations are well supplied with canvas and the boys have been initiated to life in the dog tents. That they would enjoy this life as a steady proposition goes without saying, for when on the rifle range the embryo fighters were far happier than at home in the rambling pine buildings.

Living under canvas, according to the doughboys, gives them a real camp atmosphere which is lacking at this cantonment, and in fact all of the National Army camps.

RUSSO-BRITISH TREATY VOIDED BY PERSIA

Treaty of 1907 Regarding Spheres of Influence Declared Void

The Hague, May 4.—Persia regards as null and void all treaties imposed on Persia in recent years and especially the Russo-British treaty of 1907 regarding the spheres of influence in that country. The other treaties may be revised later, a communication from the Persian Government states, but that of 1907, with its appendices, is definitely annulled.

In 1907 Great Britain and Russia agreed between themselves to limit the spheres of their respective interests in Persia to the provinces adjoining the Russian frontier, on the one hand, and the British frontier on the other. The two Powers agreed to respect the integrity and independence of Persia, but at the same time contemplated the possible necessity of financial control in conformity with the principles of the agreement. Between the Russian and British spheres a neutral sphere of about 188,000 square miles was delineated. The Russian sphere was approximately 365,000 square miles and the British about 127,000.

"SWIVEL CHAIR" MEN ASK TO GO TO FRANCE

Five Thousand Desk Officers in Ordnance Bureau Apply for Service

Washington, May 4.—Every one of the 5000 officers on duty in the War Department's ordnance bureau here has asked for service in France. High officers in the bureau pointed to this fact as refuting charges that the ordnance corps had been used to furnish large numbers of staff officers with "bomb-proof" jobs.

Cases have not been uncommon, it was said, where men have been reprimanded for attempting to use outside influences to get overseas service.

Brigadier General C. C. Williams, who was relieved as ordnance officer of the American expeditionary forces to become acting chief of ordnance, took charge of that office yesterday.

New Borough Hall for Pennsgrove

Pennsgrove, N. J., May 4.—After a long wait Pennsgrove is in a fair way to get a new borough hall, as Council has approved a $6000 bond issue to be used for the purchase of property at Main and State streets, owned by Rebecca Black. Condemnation proceedings have been instituted.

CHESTER AIDS P. R. T.

City Acts Quickly at Instance of Fleet Corporation

Chester, Pa., May 4.—City Council, at a special meeting called by Mayor McDowell, granted the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company permission to make the changes asked for in its ordinance to facilitate the transportation of workmen to the munition and shipyard plants in this city and Eddystone. The ordinance was passed as a war measure and will remain effective during the war and two years after peace is declared.

The changes provide for double tracks for a distance in Fourth street, single tracks in Fourth street from Morton avenue to Crosby street, and in Crosby street to Third street, and a double curve at Third and Crosby streets. The changes are in compliance with a letter received by the Mayor from A. M. Taylor, manager of transportation for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

VICTOR COMPANY HELD AN ILLLEGAL COMBINE

Federal Court Issues Decree Against Big Talking Machine Concern

New York, May 4.

A final decree signed by Federal Judge Hand holds the Victor Talking Machine Company an illegal combination in restraint of trade. The Court issued the usual dissolution restraining orders.

The Government alleged in its petition that the company systematically had made contracts and engaged in combinations in restraint of trade in violation of Sherman anti-trust law.

In directing a decree against the company, the Court found that the concern had eliminated competition among wholesale distributors and retail dealers in the United States purchasing and selling its products, and otherwise had restrained trade and commerce by bringing about an agreement that restrictions promulgated by the company with respect to resales, persons and territory would be observed. Approximately 110 wholesale distributers and 7000 retail dealers were affected, according to the Court's findings.

The defendant, the findings continued, had for many years restrained trade and commerce among the States in talking-machine records and appliances by requiring distributors and dealers handling its product not to use or permit the use of records or appliances not produced by the company.

The injunction perpetually restrains the company and its agents from further adhering to or carrying out the contracts, understandings and agreements in restraint of trade and commerce in the several States and from bringing about or carrying out any similar contracts or combinations with any persons.

Prohibition against restrictive or territorial agreements regarding resale prices, warnings to distributors and dealers, and refusal to sell defendant's products to dealers failing to observe the restriction are included in the orders. The company also is enjoined from requiring wholesale and retail dealers selling its products to refrain from using or permitting to be used talking machines, records or appliances produced by rival manufacturers.

The defendant company contended that at the time the license agreements complained of were made they were lawful under the United States Supreme Court interpretation of the patent laws and the laws regulating commerce. All outstanding licenses had been canceled, they asserted, and no agreement or understandings with the venders of its products had been made since the rendering of later decisions in other cases.

"My dear sir, I don't know what it's all about."

This was the answer of Charles K. Haddon, vice president and treasurer of the Victor Talking Machine Company, at his home in Haddon Heights last night, when asked to make a statement on the dissolution order by Judge Hand.

"I am sure that I, an officer of the company, would have been aware of any legal action looking toward the dissolution of the company," he continued. "But I am aware of none. I don't know of any legal action in which the company has figured recently except in matters concerning patents. That dispatch from New York is a surprise to me. I don't know what to make of it. There must be a twist in it somewhere."

QUITS POSITION FOR FARM

Electrical Expert Resigns in Answer to Promptings of Patriotism

Pottsville, Pa., May 4.—J. B. Walborn, electrical superintendent of the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, resigned his position today. Although regarded as one of the best experts in the country in electrical construction, Walborn deems the business of producing food and the increasing of the present output as the most urgent need of the nation.

He will go into the business of scientific farming on a large scale in partnership with his father at Orwigsburg.

L'ITALIA PREPARATA PER OGNI EVENIENZA

Il Patriottico Discorso Dell Ing—Francesco Quattrone Alto Funzionario della Missione Italiana

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"Una grande offensiva da parte delle forze teutoniche contro il fronte italiano deve attendersi non appena le nevi delle Alpi si saranno disciolte. Noi lo sappiamo, e gli italiani non devono prepararsi per affrontare tale offensiva, poiche' sono gia' preparati. Essi hanno dato una buona prova del loro valore come gli inglesi, i francesi ed i vostri soldati americani l'hanno data nei disperati combattimenti che si sono verificati alla fronte di battaglia nelle Fiandre ed in Piccardia."

Queste parole furono pronunziate dall'illustre Ingegnere Francesco Quattrone, in risposta alle interrogazioni rivoltegli dai rappresentanti dei giornali di Philadelphia, quando ieri arrivo' alla stazione ferroviaria di Broad-Street per recarsi ad assistere all'innalzamento della bandiera sul Cantiere Navale della Fusey & Jones Company in Gloucester, N. J.

L'Ing. Quattrone giunse in rappresentanza del Regio Ambasciatore Italiano, Conte Macchi di Cellere, impossibilitato a lasciare Washington per ragioni del suo ufficio, ed era accompagnato da Mr. Edgard S. McKaig, del National Service Section, U. S. Shipping Board, e dal Sig. Pasquale Di Cicco, agente Consolare Italiano a New Haven Conn.

L'Ingegnere Quattrone, uno dei piu' abili ed intelligenti funzionari italiani qui' in missione, ricopre la carica di Assistente Alto Commissario del Governo d'Italia e gode le generali simpatie e la massima stima specialmente tra le autorita' governative degli Stati Uniti.

Alla stazione di Broad Street attendevano alcune automobili nelle quali presero posto l'Ing. Quattrone e le altre personalita' ivi presenti e giunse cosi' al Cantiere Navale predetto, ove oltre 4000 italiani, che vi lavorano, accolsero entusiasticamente il degno rappresentante d'Italia.

Cessati gli applausi e le acclamazioni degli italiani, l'Ing. Quattro ne pronunzio' un patriottico discorso che commosse i presenti specialmente quando, a larghi tratti, accenno' alla gigantesca lotta sostenuta dall' Italia pel trionfo della giustiza e della civilta' e quando parlo' dell 'eroismo dei fratelli combattenti contro il secolare nemico. Esorto' gli operai italiani al massimo sforzo di produzione nei lavori per la contruzione dei piroscafi, dicendo che cosi' facendo porranno questeta grande Nazione ospitale in condizione di poter dare tutto l'aiuto possibile all 'Italia ed egli altri Alleati. Raccomando' a tutti di sostenere il governo americano e di compiere il dovere di lealta, sottoscrivendo Terzo Prestito della Liberta'. Termino' inviando il suo caldo saluto al Presidente Wilson, al Re d'Italia, ai prodi combattenti contro la barbarie teutonica, auspicando la vittoria finale Eserciti Alleati.

E' impossibile descrivere l'entusiasmo sollevato dal discorso dell'Ing. Quattrone e la dimostrazione che si rinnovo' quando egli, dopo aver assistito all'innalzamento della bandiera, abbandono' il cantiere per fare immediato ritorno a Washington.

All'ultimo momento apprendiamo che quasi tutti gli operai italiani, addetti al cantiere di Gloucester, dopo il discorso dell'Ing. Quattrone, sottoscrissero per l'acquisto di "bonds" per il Liberty Loan.

Sun Shipmen Buy $385,100 Bonds

Of the employes of the Sun Shipbuilding Company, Chester, 4938 have subscribed $385,100 to the third Liberty Loan.

TO TRY J. V. THOMPSON

Former Head of Uniontown Bank Faces Forty-seven Charges

Pittsburgh, May 4.—According to the court calendar, the trial of J. V. Thompson, former president of the First National Bank of Uniontown and erstwhile wealthy coal operator, will begin in Federal Court here next Tuesday. Judge Charles P. Orr will preside, and the prosecution will be in charge of E. Lowry Humes, District Attorney.

Thompson, after the failure of the Uniontown bank, was indicted in the fall of 1915 on seventeen counts. In March, 1916, thirty other counts in connection with the failure of the bank were handed down against him. The trial has been postponed five times on the ground that the aid of Thompson was needed in the settling of his affairs for the benefit of creditors.

TOWN FLIES HONOR FLAG

Mays Landing Subscribes $80,000 and Looks for $100,000

May Landing, N. J., May 4.—The town's quota of $42,000 has been nearly doubled, and it is expected that $100,000 will be subscribed. The county seat's showing, according to population, makes it the banner town in South Jersey.

Employes of several of the departments of the Bethlehem loading plant visited the various camps and delivered stirring addresses. In honor of the success of the campaign the town's third Liberty Loan flag was flung to the breeze this evening before several hundred persons.

In the line of parade were members of the Red Cross, school children, lodge delegations, citizens and gayly decorated automobiles. E. A. Higbee was the orator.

SAYS "HAY ON HORNS" BUT WASTE OF TIME

State Senator Beidleman Believes War and Loan Engross Voters' Attention

Indiana, Pa., May 4.—"The candidate for office who goes champing around Pennsylvania with hay on his horns is simply wasting his time," said State Senator Edward E. Beidleman, of Harrisburg, on his arrival here. Senator Beidleman is touring western Pennsylvania in the interest of his campaign for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket.

"The people of Pennsylvania," continued Senator Beidleman, "are not so 'het up' over the primary election as you might imagine from some of the newspapers, and there are very few of them who believe that Pennsylvania is headed for the bow-wows.

"In Pittsburgh and other parts of Allegheny County—in Greensburg and here in Indiana County—I find that the paramount topic is the war, and, too, there has been overwhelming interest in the success of the Liberty Loan campaign in the various districts.

"I find men and women painstakingly poring over the casualty lists. I find them unanimous for the creation of a larger army, and unanimously against the exploitation of personalities. They are not losing sleep over the political situation, except to see to it that Pennsylvania remains as it should be—truly Republican."

Senator Biedleman left in the afternoon for Punxsutawney, where he will remain Saturday.

ALARMED OVER ICELAND

Germany Losing Sleep for Fear Britain Will Grab It from Danes

London, May 4.—The Berlin newspaper Vossische Zeitung publishes the following:

Denmark fears that Iceland may secede and declare itself a republic. British influence in Iceland is extraordinarily strong, and it is believed the new republic will attach itself to Great Britain. Everything Danish in Iceland is systematically suppressed by the English, who by the expenditure of great sums of money have created a feeling in favor of England.

Reuter's agency is officially informed that there is not a word of truth with regard to "great sums of money," which England is supposed to be spending, and that the only possible foundation for such an allusion is the fact that Great Britain has purchased the fish catch of Iceland.

STATE POLICEMAN HURT

In Stopping Runaway Constable's Foot Is Crushed

Bristol, Pa., May 4.—State Policeman Thomas Dolan may be lame for life as the result of stopping a runaway team of horses. The outfit belonged to J. H. Somerset, a farmer of Penn's Manor, and, being frightened at the railroad station near Yardley, got beyond control and dashed down the Bristol turnpike.

Dolan saw the runaway and started after it. Leaping to the back of the near horse, he tugged at the bridles, but the team still kept on. Finally the team swerved to one side and the trooper lost his seat.

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