

CABLES TO GO BACK TO OWNERS FRIDAY

Postal Employees Prepare for Relinquishment by United States at Midnight

RETURN RAIL LINES SOON

By the Associated Press
Washington, April 30.—Acting on instructions from Postmaster General Burleson, representatives of the Postoffice Department who have been in charge of operating the properties today began preparations for turning back at midnight Friday to private ownership the cable systems taken over by the government last November.

Prompt action by President Wilson in ordering effective the recommendation of the Postoffice Department that control of the marine wire service be relinquished permitted Mr. Burleson to set the date for surrendering the lines to their former owners much sooner than was expected.

President Wilson also has enabled his approval of the recommendation that the telegraph and telephone lines be returned to private ownership just as soon as Congress can enact legislation necessary to put the systems in condition for the transfer. The principal feature of the legislation required will be a provision for additional revenue to meet the increased operating costs the companies will face when they resume management.

May Give Up Railways
Director General Hines, of the railroads, speaking yesterday in Denver, termed federal custody of the transportation system "a temporary thing." in-

dicating that the government was getting ready to give up the roads. Both officials, however, made it plain that no precipitate return of any of these national public utilities commandeered during the war was contemplated, as immediate relinquishment would cause no end of confusion in the service and probable disaster to the private property interests involved.

The government therefore will await the solution which must be worked out by Congress at the forthcoming extra session. Yesterday's developments are taken to mean that the administration will urge upon Congress the necessity of reaching an early solution which will put the lines back into the hands of their owners, but under a more drastic federal supervision than has prevailed.

Burleson's Hand Forced
The forcing of Postmaster General Burleson's hand by President Wilson and the announcement of Mr. Hines make it apparent that the postmaster general is the only out-and-out government ownership advocate left in the administration. And even the postmaster general himself, while stoutly maintaining he still favors government ownership of the telephone and telegraph lines as part of the postal department, admits that the present "government control for a limited and very uncertain period" is unsatisfactory and "affords no test of the virtues of government ownership."

Mystery surrounds the sudden decision of the postmaster general to relinquish the cable lines immediately and throw the telephone and telegraph lines into the lap of Congress for early action. But President Wilson's approval of Mr. Burleson's proposal coming so quickly from Paris lends color to the belief that the President had been closely watching the wage dispute involving the wire employees and the postmaster general's alteration with the publishers.

MRS. JACK GERAGHTY SUES
Former Julia French Seeks Maintenance From Chauffeur Husband
Newport, R. I., April 29.—(By A. P.)—The fact that Mrs. Julia French Geraghty had filed suit for separate maintenance from her husband, Jack Geraghty, of Woburn, Mass., was made

SUES FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Geraghty, of Woburn, Mass. The former Julia French has filed suit for separate maintenance from her chauffeur husband, Jack Geraghty.

known by the clerk of the Superior Court last night. He said that she at the time she was married in 1912, when Geraghty was employed as a chauffeur by Mrs. Geraghty has been living here for the last two months with her boy six years old.

REDFIELD SEES MORE BUSINESS HARMONY

Co-operation Will Solve Many Difficulties, He Tells U. S. Commerce Chamber

RAPS FIERCE COMPETITION

By the Associated Press
St. Louis, April 30.—American business in the future will be more cooperative than competitive and this cooperation will solve many of the difficulties, that the present inadequate anti-trust laws fail to solve, William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, declared in an address before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today. Edward N. Hartley, chairman of the United States shipping board, also spoke.

Secretary Redfield characterized extreme competition as destructive and uncontrolled combination as dangerous, but added that the "ethical evolution" now in progress will bring forth the proper solution for business, which he said had outgrown the law intended to control it.

"Nothing is more certain than that there has been a great change for the better in the ethics and methods of trade since the antitrust laws came into being," he said. "These laws were the expression of the moral judgment of the country against certain business procedures deemed injurious to the body politic and considered to lack sound social sanctions."

"In the effort to keep pace with the life of trade interpretation of law may go far afield. I think there is cause to wonder whether it is morally sound

to construe a law frankly intended to prevent combinations in restraint of trade so as to prevent co-operation in promotion of trade. I have always felt, as a man of business, that there are two assumptions common to our public discussion of commercial matters which are essentially wrong. One is that competition is of itself so desirable that it should be restored, if need be, by force of law. The second is that the attitude of suspicion toward business is an evidence of wisdom."

America's part in reconstruction of France and trade relations between the two nations during the post-war period were outlined by Maurice Casenave, head of the French service in the United States. Purchase of French commodities by the United States to balance expenditures of France in this country for materials to restore its devastated regions, M. Casenave declared, was of vital importance. Long term credits for material purchased by France and investment by American financial in-

terests in French Government and industrial securities were other means suggested to bring about the proper trade relations.

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