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NATION-WIDE TELEGRAPH STRIKE OFF; FACT-FINDING BOARD TO STUDY ISSUE

Washington, D. C. — Holiday messages flowed over the telegraph wires of the nation when the Western Union Company agreed at the last minute to submit its dispute with the AFL's Commercial Telegraphers' Union to a fact-finding panel thereby

averting a strike of 50,000 employees. A spokesman for the AFL union hailed the company's action a "complete victory for the union." He declared the union had indicated its willingness to submit the issues to a fact-finding board a month ago when negotiations over the union's demand for a 15-cent hourly wage increase were in progress.

The proposal agreed to by the company provides that a three-man board conduct hearings and report findings within 50 days. Main study will be the relationship of company profits to new pay demands. The announcement was made by Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Ching said the panel would be appointed immediately. After their investigation, he added, the unions will resume negotiations on their 15-cent hourly wage demand with the company. The panel also will decide whether the unions reopened their contracts on October 1 or November 1. The company raised a question about the date the reopening notices were filed with the Government. Ching said the panel would hear evidence from both company and union officials. He said the question of wage retroactivity—should a wage increase eventually be granted—would depend on the panel's finding on the reopening date issue.

The original demand of the CTU was presented to the Western Union Company on September 16. Since that time the company made no counter proposal and refused to give an inch in its position until the union set the date for the nation-wide strike of its members. Then the company offered a bonus which the union turned down as completely inadequate. Final break in the negotiation came when the company at last agreed to the proposal to submit the case to a fact-finding panel.

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about this chisel which 20,000 businesses had perpetrated. "And, let me also add, that the investigation by the Wage-Hour Administration only inspected 7 per cent of the 550,000 establishments covered by the Wage-Hour Law. Only 7 per cent could be investigated because Congress has cut the administration's appropriation!

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