

SAYS TOO MANY LACK CONCERN IN GOVERNMENT

Public Service Commissioner Addresses Indiana Telephone Convention.

SESSIONS OPEN TODAY

"The great trouble with us is that too many of us treat government as the business of others and have no concern for ourselves," said George A. Barnard of the Indiana public service commission, in his address on "Our Government" at the opening session of the second annual convention of the Indiana Telephone Association in Indianapolis today.

He continued by saying:

"We may voluntarily elect to take no part in government and those affairs which make up our daily life and to have no concern with the great issues that present themselves from time to time to the country; but we have any right to take the enjoyment of his life and the pleasure of those about him the goodness that comes to him from his government and abstain from assisting in her counsels and doing his part to forward and advance her welfare."

CHANGE IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

"The theory and practice of government vary in time and in the progression of time, and especially within the last 150 years. Controlled by superior authority, claiming by divine right, chosen by inheritance, and supported by a small governing class, selected in the same way, has come with individual thinking to be oppressive; and most challenging under arbitrary rule have rebelled and thrown off the yoke. The people pretty generally believe the earth are holding their destinies in their own hands, where, according to our American way of thinking, they rightfully belong."

"Here, in this State just recently, the people were called upon to say whether or not certain articles amending the constitution of Indiana should be adopted. It is a sad and a dangerous command upon the future welfare of our citizenship that less than 17 per cent of those called to express themselves at that election had enough interest in the vital questions presented by those amendments to take the trouble to exercise their right of suffrage. Our Government is based upon the idea, the majority rules, and in this case by solemn act which includes the people 17 per cent have placed their will upon 83 per cent of our citizenship."

AFATHY MEN TO CITIZENSHIP.

"The result that makes the difference is the apathy and the refusal and the neglect of the people to participate in their own vital affairs. We should be satisfied with the result, but we should not be satisfied with the result unless a substantial, at least, part of our citizenship express themselves. And therein, let me repeat, lies the greater menace and danger to our citizenship than from any other source whatsoever."

Henry A. Barnard of Rochester, president of the association, in opening the session, discussed the attitude of chronic complainers and their cure.

"I have often found," he said, "that if we can get our chronic complainers into our operating rooms and in the wire chief's quarters and see what good plays working hard in behalf of our business, and then if the rate opponents will look at our books intelligently and candidly we will gain more friends. For they will then see for themselves the truth of our efforts to please them and the profits and losses of our business."

"He continued, saying:

"The most successful telephone manager I know is one who permits his patrons to see most of his efforts to give them good service and what it costs in labor and money to do it."

TELEPHONE USE GROWS.

"There is one thing certain in the telephone business, we never will see a time when we are not busy and when the telephone is not part of business. More and more people everywhere are needing and using the telephone. And more and more people are realizing that if they have good service they must pay the worth of it."

In speaking of the purpose of the association he said:

"The purpose of this organization is betterment of the telephone service and business. Annual general business meetings are held with doors wide open to the public and most of us have department heads and chief employees present to assimilate new ideas and put them into practice for the general improvement of operations and advancement of service giving methods."

The program for today's session of the convention included an address of welcome by Governor Warren G. Harding, with a response by Henry A. Barnard, an address by George H. Barnard, of the Indiana public service commission; the reports of officers and appointment of committees, and addresses by F. B. MacKinnon, Chicago, president of the U. S. Independent Telephone Association; J. W. Town, Indianapolis, president of the Indiana Telephone Association; F. V. Newman, La Porte, president of the Northern Indiana Telephone Association; L. W. Conner, Brookston, president of the Prairie Telephone Company; W. L. Bott, Rensselaer, president of the Jasper County Telephone Company; A. L. Stauderman, Terre Haute, secretary and engineer of the Citizens Independent Telephone Company; S. M. Ison, Mitchell, president of the Southern Indiana Telephone Association; L. C. Griffiths, Seymour, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Indiana Telephone Association. This evening there will be a dinner and a dance.

Patrolman Injured While Chasing Negro

While chasing a negro suspect yesterday, Patrolman Benjamin Gathner was injured when an automobile in which he was riding, turned over at Indiana avenue and Monroe street. The policeman saw a negro come out of a cornfield near that place and called to him. The negro mounted a bicycle and hurried away. The policeman summoned Ed Stanley, 45 North Fleming avenue, who was driving an automobile and the two men started to pursue the negro. As the automobile turned the corner close to the negro it turned over. The negro stopped his bicycle and ran. Stanley was uninjured. Gathner's injuries were painful, but not serious. He was cut and bruised. The negro was suspected as being one who has attacked a number of girls in that part of the city recently.

Elwood Patrolmen Held in Booze Cases

Special to The Times
ELWOOD, Ind., Sept. 13.—Charles Justice, patrolman, and Arthur Atwood, former patrolman, were arrested this morning by Sheriff W. A. Lewis on the charge of violating the prohibition laws following the filing of affidavits with Prosecuting Attorney Johnson.

Both men were bailed on \$1,000 and Atwood was taken to Anderson. There have been reports current for months to the effect that members of the police department have been selling whisky either confiscated by them in raids or products of their own manufacture.

'ROOKIES' IN GRADUATION STUNT IN NEW YORK



These student policemen, who have just become full-fledged members of New York's police department, were snapped while doing a setting-up drill as a part of the commencement exercises of the police school. The exercises were held in front of the city hall.

U. S. WILL HOLD WHIP HAND AT CONFERENCE

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Charlie Chaplin Sees Beckett Mill in Guise of Woman

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LONDON, Sept. 13.—Charlie Chaplin was chuckling today over a fashion show in London at Covent Garden opened yesterday night at the Beckett-McCormick fight.

The enterprising management of 190 pounds to the first person to identify the comedian, but Charlie sat through the fight undetected.

He was disguised as a woman.

FEELING OF PIQUE IN BRITISH CIRCLES

LONDON, Sept. 13.—There is a feeling of pique in British official circles because Great Britain has not been kept fully informed as to the preparations for the Far Eastern Conference to be held in Washington, it was revealed today. This revelation came about through a cablegram from the correspondent of the Daily Express, which says:

"The United States does not intend to engage in naval rivalry with Great Britain; the Washington Administration is willing tacitly to recognize Great Britain's special position as an island power which is not a colony.

This cablegram brought forth a prompt

denial from the British Foreign Office that had been any communication with Washington upon the subject.

While officials do not speak their minds openly they indicate that British officials feel slighted because it was not more fully informed regarding the preliminary plan for the conference.

It is stated: "Great Britain has at all times been a good friend to our business, and then if the rate opponents

will look at our books intelligently and candidly we will gain more friends. For they will then see for themselves the truth of our efforts to please them and the profits and losses of our business."

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BURCH SAID HE SLEW KENNEDY

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Sprague to have said, to help Mrs. Oberman solve the problem into which her relations with Kennedy had plunged her. She was unable to free herself from her own hands.

"I shot him and I have never felt a single regret, a single twinge of conscience," Sprague quotes Burch as saying.

Sprague says at the time Burch told his story to him he gave the prisoner a pledge not to reveal the secret until Burch had given him permission, unless he should be forced to reveal it under oath. Sprague has been serving with a grand jury in the Los Angeles County grand jury and will be called as a witness today, according to the dispatch to the American.

"He told me," Sprague says in a sworn statement, "that if I ever was forced to print it by a contingency such as has now arisen, he would deny it and would claim entire story was a fabrication."

"Whether Burch told the truth or not, we made his original confession to the killing of Kennedy or whether he will be telling the truth when he makes a denial of this confession is not for me to say. I do, however, solemnly affirm, under oath, that the facts are printed exactly as he told them to me on the date I have mentioned."

Approves Stock Issue of Citizens Gas Co.

The proposed issue of \$1,000,000 of 7 per cent preferred stock by the Citizens Gas Company of Indianapolis was approved today by the public service commission. While an order has not been completed, it is understood that the draft carried with it an approval of the stock issue, and that the stock will be issued instead of through brokers. The commission specified that the stock shall not be sold for less than 95 per cent of par. The proceeds of the stock sale are to go to pay the expenses of improvements already made at the company's plants.

Grace Lusk Appeals for Blaine Pardon

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 13.—Hearing on the application for pardon for Grace Lusk, former Waukesha, Wis., schoolteacher now serving a 20-year sentence in the State prison for killing Mrs. David Roberts, wife of Dr. Roberta, wealthy Waukesha man, will be held tomorrow afternoon, the last of a long list of applications to come before Governor Blaine.

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Davis Threatens Those Who Knock Immigration Law

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—A warning that continued agitation and opposition to the present 3 per cent immigration law might induce Congress to shut off immigration altogether was sounded today by Secretary of Labor Davis.

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