

## TELEPHONE RATE FIGHT DEVELOPS AS NATION-WIDE

Commission Broadcasts Ruling for Use of Other States.

The public service commission's latest coup against the Indiana Bell Telephone Company and the parent concern, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York, is the broadcasting to forty-seven other commissions the commission's recent order refusing the Indiana company permission to purchase smaller exchanges at Clinton, Lincoln, Columbus and Rockport.

The order, written by Samuel R. Artman, new commissioner, is now in the hands of the State printer. Copies are to be sent to the public utilities boards of every State.

John W. McCord, vice chairman and Earl Carter, chief engineer, are in Washington in conference with commissioners and engineers of other State utility bodies.

### FIGHT NATION-WIDE

The chief purpose of the conference, it is said, is to consider appraisal and valuation of the properties under control of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in view of bringing the whole nation-wide situation to a climax.

McCord will cite Indiana's recent experiences with the Indiana Bell Telephone Company. It is expected the Indiana case against the Indiana Bell will be used as the experimental case and that all other States will contribute suggestions.

In the commission order Artman condemns the Indiana Bell for its relations with the parent company and declares the company is a mere faction.

He shows the stock of the small companies is held by the Indiana company.

### Dividends Set Out

During the hearings on the petition to purchase it was brought out that the four companies averaged from 6 to 16 per cent dividends on common stock and the four together had \$30,000 surplus at the time the petition was filed. It then developed that all the Indiana Bell's smaller exchanges over the State there appeared a deficit of more than \$100,000 after the Bell took them over.

The indictments contained in the order will serve as Indiana's contribution to actions other States may take against companies controlled by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The question of dummy directorates and stock distribution was thoroughly aired in Artman's order.

## TWO DAUGHTERS AND MOTHER ARE INJURED IN CRASH

One Girl Probably Fatally Hurt—Woman Held in Prison.

Thelma Lindenhall, 13, is in Long Hospital today probably fatally injured, and her mother and another sister were less seriously injured when a water wagon on which they were riding with James Watson, an employee of the Columbia Construction Company, was struck by an inbound limited traction car on the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction line today. Watson was uninjured.

The mother, Mrs. Jane Lindenhall, is in city prison on a charge of child neglect; Ethelene, 11, a daughter, is in the detention home with injuries, and James Watson, 18, was in city prison on a charge of assault and battery and contributing to delinquency.

According to police, Mrs. Lindenhall and Watson were in Juvenile Court several weeks ago and were ordered to stay apart. Mrs. Lindenhall, police said, however, went to the camp maintained by the construction company, engaged in road work near Stop 11 on the Greenfield line, and obtained employment as a cook. Ethelene told police she, her sister and mother and Watson lived in a shack at the camp.

Today the four of them went riding on the water wagon. Watson, it is said, was driving on the National Rd. and drove the wagon directly in the path of the oncoming traction. He first told Benjamin Sanford and Harry Bowles of Cambridge City, the car crew, the woman was his wife and the children his.

Thelma, attendant at the Long Hospital said, was in a critical condition. She suffered a concussion of the brain, a crushed chest, a compound fracture of the right shoulder and collar bone.

### ONLY ONE BID FILED

The Indiana National Bank was the only bidder for the \$300,000 temporary loan of the board of health, offered for sale in the office of Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, today. City officials were considering the offer of 4.5 per cent for the loan, which is wanted in three installments.

A total of \$125,000 is asked immediately by the board, with an additional \$100,000 Sept. 1, and the final \$75,000 Oct. 1. Money is needed to meet current expenses pending the next payment of taxes.

**Mystery Surrounds Injury**

By United Press  
VINCENNES, Ind., July 15.—Police today questioned Burton Walker, 27, on his bed at a local hospital, where he is confined in a strait jacket with one arm shot through the hip.

## "Stick to Your Husband Until Death", Recipe for Happiness in Married Life, Says Couple Wed 50 Years



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. LOMBARD.

THE aged have advised the young from time immemorial, but here is one woman who has lived with the same man for fifty years, and has no recipe for happy married life except—when you marry a man stick with him till death.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lombard, both 71, of 1827 Hoyt Ave., celebrated, fifty years of happy married life today.

"I think young people should stay single until they have sense enough to marry the right person," Mrs. Lombard said. And she isn't one of those persons believing that modern young people are "going to the dogs" either.

All of their married life, except three months, has been spent in Indianapolis. They have lived at

1827 Hoyt Ave. for thirty-one years.

Mr. Lombard was born at Watertown, Ind., March 7, 1853, and Mrs. Lombard at Madison, Aug. 27, 1853. They met at Southport where relatives lived.

Neither of them received more than meager education. "All of the men were in the army and the women were needed as nurses during the Civil War, so schools were shut down," Mrs. Lombard said.

Over fifty persons, including the nine children, twenty-one grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, are expected at the Lombard home tonight at 8. The little home is elaborately decorated.

Their daughter, Mrs. Grace McConnell, of Lebanon, will celebrate her eleventh wedding anni-

versary also tonight.

Other children: John A. Lombard, 2226 N. LaSalle St.; Paul Lombard, 44 N. Beville Ave.; C. H. Lombard, 1536 N. Rural St.; Mrs. Edith Lewis, Franklin; Mrs. Julia Burk, 814 S. State St.; and Misses Mary and Ida Lombard.

Mrs. Lombard's sister, Mrs. Anna Freeman, 264 E. Iowa St.; Mr. Lombard's brother, Charles D. Lombard, 1214 Ringgold Ave., and a party from Milwaukee, Wis., including Mrs. Clara St. Clair, a sister of Mr. Lombard, will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lombard have been lifelong members of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Lombard is a great lover of flowers and canary birds.

## UNION RAILWAY ADMITS VIOLATING CROSSING LAWS

Superintendent Declares

Ordinance Is Obsolete—Willing to Cooperate.

Twenty-one violations of the crossing guard ordinance were found upon the Indianapolis Union Railway tracks, Police Captain Charles Summer reported today.

He said he found that many places where required warning bells are not in operation.

P. J. Lenders, superintendent, admitted the condition exists, but said that the ordinance was adopted so many years ago that it does not fit present conditions. He said warnings are not needed at many of the places and that those where they are a moving arm or other device to attract visual attention should be installed. He said he hoped all railroads could confer with city officials and make the requirements fit present conditions.

### No Bells Found

The crossings were Summer found no bells.

E. Tenth St., E. Sixteenth St., E. Twenty-First St., Sherman Dr., Avondale Pl., Gale St., Adams St., Olney St., Oxford St., Rural St., Fountain St., Cushing St., N. Beville Ave., N. Jefferson St., Greenfield Lane, Sheldon St., W. Sixteenth St., W. Twenty-First St., W. Twenty-Third St., Bursdal Pkwy., and W. Twenty-Fifth St.

Summer also recommended that bells or flagmen be placed at E. Pratt St. and Massachusetts Ave., where ordinance does not now require them.

### Traction Company Named

He urged that signal bells be installed by the Big Four on the Springfield division at Emerson Ave., and on the Newcastle division of the Union Traction Company at Emerson Ave.

The safety committee of city council will make an inspection tour of north side crossings of the Monon and Nickel Plate railroads within the next few days, with John Cochran, Nickel Plate attorney, and William L. Taylor, Monon attorney, with a view to amend the municipal code on guards at crossings.

A similar tour was made Monday by Riley, Cochran, Mayor Shank, Ernest L. Kingston, safety board president, and Elmer Gay, board member.

Railroad officials say the code was put into effect before bells and other safety devices were used by railroads, and that these devices insure as great safety as watchmen at many crossings, according to Gay.

Since the Indianapolis Times pointed out lax observance of the code, following a fatal crossing accident, the railroads have been obeying the code to the letter, at great expense, officials say.

### Watchmen Essential

It is essential to maintain watchmen at crossings near the downtown section because of constant switching, according to officials.

Taylor pointed out that three-fifths of the accidents on the Monon within the past three months resulted from motorists driving into the side of trains, Gay said.

At the Forty-Ninth St. crossing of

Lawyers See 4.5 Per Cent Contract of A. T. and T. as Stumbling Block.

Regardless of any action by the public service commission in the telephone rate case, telephone users cannot hope for any substantial reduction in telephone rates, lawyers familiar with the situation declared today. In fact, the public will be lucky if the rates do not go higher eventually, they said.

As long as the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's contract with the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, by which it takes 4.5 per cent of the earnings of the latter company, is held legal by the courts, there is little chance of establishing a rate much lower than the present one, and not have it held confiscated by Federal Court, lawyers said.

### Significant Statements

It is considered significant that during the Federal Court hearing Friday before Judge George T. Page of Chicago, Ill., Frank C. Dailey, attorney for the company, said several times that under existing conditions the rates asked by the company, almost two years ago, which were refused by the commission last year, and which are in effect now, were confiscatory. Judge Page admitted that the company had introduced evidence to this effect during the hearings before him, but that the final decree did not take up this point.

### Federal Bogue Still in Air

It is predicted that if the commission, at the conclusion of its investigation and hearing of reduced rates, the company will again resort to the Federal Court.

Public Service Commissioner Frank T. Singleton gave out a statement in which he says the commission desires aid of all affected communities in the State, the most competent engineering and legal aid will be employed, the commission will pay all expenses and that the commission is not hampered by any court ruling in arriving at the new valuation and rate schedule for the phone company.

### TRY COLORED POLICEMAN

Charges Against Officer Are Heard in Juvenile Court.

Trial of colored Policeman Fred Starks on charges of contributing to the delinquency of Helen Porch, colored, 1137 N. West St., high school junior, was begun today in Juvenile Court with testimony of the girl. Starks is under temporary suspension by the board of public safety.

The girl testified Starks met her walking home from church the night of June 2, took her to his brother's house at 2127 Allfree Ave., and kept her captive until the afternoon of June 4. Police Captains Fletcher and White were character witnesses.

### Child, Crossing Street, Struck

Miss Billy Marguerite Hansen, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen, 4102 Rockle St., is suffering with bruises about right eye and right leg today. While crossing the street she was struck by a truck driven by Ernest Herider, 3225 Washington Blvd., at Forty-Second St. and College Ave., policemen say.

### Stolen Auto Found

An automobile bearing certificate of title issued to Maudie Sox, 203 E. Hendricks St., Shelbyville, Ind., stolen from a downtown parking place here Sunday night, was found today by Sheriff George Snider, abandoned two miles south of the city on Harding St.

### Dog's Leader Arrested

Belle Walker, 41, of 302½ W. New York St., and Robert Lee, 23, of 302 W. New York St., were arrested today on a charge of harboring a vicious dog. Police said that Lee was leading the dog, when the animal bit Louis Haas, 3, Emily Apt. Vermont St. and Senate Ave. through the lip.

Police to the Rescue

William Haywood, colored, 412 W. Michigan St., was ordered to bed by police after his wife, who is alleged to have found a letter from another woman, chased him into the street in his pajamas.

## Pershing at Belgium's Shrine



GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING, WHILE IN BRUSSELS, PAID HIS RESPECTS TO THE MEMORY OF BELGIUM'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER. HE AND HIS PARTY ARE SEEN HERE ARRIVING AT THE TOMB.

## FOUR-CORNERED CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED BY DAVIS

Democrats Will Carry Fight Into Every Section of Country.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, July 15.—The Democrats probably will direct a four-cornered campaign to voters of the country to put over John W. Davis as the next President of the United States.

The nominee has been in conference with party leaders from all sections of the country since his selection and it has been fairly well established that headquarters are to be opened at Chicago, New York and San Francisco.

The South, of course, will claim Davis as its own, and the nominee will receive notification of nomination at his boyhood home at Clarksburg, W. Va.

### Davis Busy

Davis is now busy collecting ideas for the first political broadside to be delivered when he receives notification of the nomination.

The Democratic party plans to gain the jump on the Republicans as the present plans call for the acceptance speech to be made a week prior to the Coolidge speech of acceptance.

The President will be notified at Washington, Aug. 14.

Task of selecting a chairman of the national committee is still holding up the movements of the Democratic machine. Cordell Hull, retiring chairman, was in conference with Davis late last night and the conference will be resumed the first thing today.

### Conference Continues

Davis will spend the week in New York, continuing his conferences with party leaders at the home of Frank Polk.

Friday he will gather up the ideas he has gained from these conferences and retire to the home of Charles Dana Gibson at Dark Harbor, Maine, where he will draft his speech of acceptance.

## NEWPORT PHONE COMPANY GIVEN INCREASE ORDER

Bond Issue of \$65,000 Is Authorized by Service Commission.

The public service commission today made public its order granting an increase in rates to the Citizens Telephone Company at Newport. The new rates are based on a \$7,000 plant valuation and range from \$1.75 for a two-party residence phone to \$2.25 for a single business line.

The Citizens Gas Company, Indianapolis, was authorized to issue and sell \$65,000 in 5 per cent bonds for additions to the plant and equipment since June 30, 1923 and some additions in 1921.

### Newcastle Gets Order

The city of Newcastle was authorized to issue \$40,000 in bonds for additional equipment at the water works.

The Scottsburg Water Company, in an order supplementing a permission given recently to sell \$40,000 worth of stock, was authorized to issue \$19,250 in notes for extension of mains.

The Galveston Water Company was authorized to sell \$11,800 in common stock and \$23,600 in preferred for money with which to construct a \$35,000 water works plant.

The Sam Sprinkler plant there is to be abandoned when the new one is completed under the order.

### Millersburg Also

The Millersburg Water Company was authorized to sell \$9,500 worth of common stock and \$18,000 preferred to construct a \$25,000 water works at Millersburg.

The freight rate order, which the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and other roads recently attacked in vain, will not go into effect until July 15, under another modified order of the commission. The railroads contend they did not have time to publish the tariffs ordered before that time. The effective date of the order, first set at Feb. 15, was later moved up to March 14.

### VACANCIES ARE FILLED

Governor Appoints Two on State Board of Charities.

Trustees of Indiana University today received a letter from William J. Titus, head of the engineering division of the State highway department, supplementing a report on the new stadium under way for the university at Bloomington.