

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 company permission to purchase smaller exchanges at Clinton, London, 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. McCordie, 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 legal and valuation of the properties under control of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, with a view to bringing the whole nation-wide situation to a climax.

McCordie 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 fiction.

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

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 is 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 directors 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 unbraked 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; Etheline, 11, a daughter, is in the detention home with injuries, and James Watson, 73, 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. Etheline told police she, her sister and mother and Watson lived in a shack at the camp.

Today the four of them were 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 car. 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 hotel where he is confined in a room with one arm shot.

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



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. LOMBARD.

HE 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 Watford, Ind., March 17, 1853, and Mrs. Lombard at Madison, Aug. 27, 1853. They met at Southport where relatives lived.

Neither of them received more than meagre 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.; E. C. Lombard, 749 Lincoln 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. Clare St. Clair, a sister of Mr. Lombard, will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lombard have been life-long members of the Baptist church.

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

INDIANA WOMAN ON COMMITTEE PROGRESSIVES

La Follette Starts Drive to
Win Woman's Vote at
Polls.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 15.—Mrs. Sadie Scott of Huntington, Ind., was named one of a group of thirteen women appointed to the progressive national campaign committee today as La Follette leaders launched a special campaign to attract the feminine vote.

"Vives of farmers and laborers throughout the Nation will be called to the polls to file their protest against leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties."

Special women's campaign is being conducted on advice of Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, wife of the presidential candidate. She acted as the Senator's counselor in the fight for suffrage in Wisconsin.

La Follette leaders believe the women's vote in November will prove a greater factor in the final result than at any time since national suffrage was accomplished.

La Follette's record as a leader of the women's equal rights fight in Wisconsin will be used as a basis for the movement.

OIL CLAIMS ARE WON BY HOOSIERS

Terre Haute Company Wins
Rights in Red River.

By Times Special
The Burke Division Oil Company of Terre Haute to rights in the Red River oil section on the border between Texas and Oklahoma were upheld today in ruling rendered by Secretary of the Interior W. C. Clegg. These claims are known as Belle Isle, Judsonia and Mary Isle.

The Burke Division Company's fate is of intense interest to some 600 Hoosiers in the Terre Haute and surrounding sections because the company conducted an extensive stock selling campaign there.

"These recommendations," says the secretary's report, "do not bind the Government to issue oil leases to the applicants to whom the awards are made, but merely settle the rights between the rival claimants. Neither will there be a distribution of the funds derived from the operations of the oil wells in the Red River field as a result of these recommendations. This fund was transferred to the Secretary of the Interior by the Supreme Court and will be held pending a decision of its final disposition."

All the claimants whose applications have been rejected by the general land commissioner have the right to appeal to the secretary of the interior up to Aug. 31, 1924. Applicants must also serve appeals on the conflicting claimants who have the right to file replies up to Sept. 15, 1924. There were altogether 173 applications, only sixteen of which were not conflicting. Awards were made in the case of thirty-six claimants.

From Seattle



Elizabeth Naujok, phone girl, has been voted the prettiest girl in Seattle. She won her title in a beauty contest held in connection with an American Legion carnival over which she ruled as Miss Liberty.

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 Ruckle 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 Herdler, 3924 Washington Blvd., at Forty-Second St. and College Ave., policemen say.

Stolen Auto Found

An automobile bearing certificate of title issued to Maude 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

Bella Walker, 41, of 302 1/2 W. New York St., and Robert Lee, 23, of 902 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, Emile Apt., Vermont St. and Senate Ave., through the lip.

LITTLE HOPE IS SEEN FOR PHONE RATE REDUCTION

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 confiscatory by Federal Court, lawyers said.

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 Boyce 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.

BOSTON TRIP ARRANGED

G. A. R. Headquarters Team to
Leave Here Aug. 9.

Indiana headquarters train to the national G. A. R. encampment in Boston, Mass., will leave Indianapolis at 7:45 a. m. Aug. 9. F. M. Van Pelt, department commander, and A. E. Crumpton, assistant adjutant general, announced today after a six-hour stop in New York City. Indiana delegates will arrive in Boston at 6:10 p. m., Aug. 10.

Special rates have been made for G. A. R. members and their wives and dependent members of their families, widows of members, and members and dependent members of the families of these auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the encampment: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Police to the Rescue

William Haywood, colored, 413 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.

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 Sumner reported today.

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

P. J. Landers, 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 Sumner found no bells:

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

Sumner 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

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.

both Nickel Plate and Monon roads, bricks and other building materials obstructing the view were ordered removed by the safety board members.

At Thirty-Fourth St., where the monon and Nickel Plate both maintain watchmen eighteen hours a day, it was found the Ft. Harrison-Anderson line of the Union Traction Company, without either watchman or bell, constituted the greatest danger, Gay said. Traction officials are to be consulted in the matter of guarding this crossing, according to Gay.

Blind streets ending at crossings at Twenty-First and Twenty-Third Sts. will be marked by "No thoroughfare" signs, it was decided.

The railroad attorneys said that no accident record of the Thirty-Eighth St. Monon crossing showed the safety of the bell and waving signal device instead of watchmen.

LAST DAY TO HELP U. S.

Sale of Savings Certificates to Close
Today.

United States Treasury savings certificates sold rapidly Monday and today at the Federal Bldg., according to Postmaster Robert H. Bryson. Over \$2,500 in certificates were sold before 11 a. m. today and \$18,000 worth were sold Monday. The sale ends when the postoffice closes today.

The savings certificates were first placed on sale in 1920 in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000 each, bearing approximately 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Booze Charge Draws Sentence

Charles Anderson, colored, 308 N. Senate Ave., was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to thirty days on the Indiana State farm on a blind tiger charge in city court today. Anderson, police said, threw away a pitcher of white mule when his home was raided. Evidence was mopped up.

Pioneer Resident Dies

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 15.—Mrs. Indiana Riggs, 81, lifelong resident, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Willis Flanders.

HOW TO SAVE TWO FROM DROWNING



FIGURE NO. 1 IS SHOWING HOW TWO PERSONS, CLUTCHING EACH OTHER AND DROWNING, MAY BE SEPARATED. NO. 1'S FOOT HAS BEEN SWUNG UP OVER FIGURE NO. 2'S SHOULDER AND PLACED AGAINST THAT OF NO. 3. A PUSH WILL SEPARATE THE PAIR.

This is the fourth of a series of six articles on methods of life saving. MARGARET PLUNKETT NEWSPAPERS have been notified many instances of two persons, fallen from an upper story, clutching each other and drowning together. The same thing has occurred when one person has set out to rescue another. But a third person may break their grasp and save one, if not both, in the following manner:

DIRT FARMER, IN PLUNGE ON CORN, AMASSES FORTUNE

Arthur Cutten Nets Around
\$2,000,000 in Big
Coup.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 15.—Arthur W. Cutten, hero of the "corner in corn" which netted him somewhere between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, mounted the throne of "king of corn" on faith, he told the United Press today.

"I'm not a speculator," Cutten said. "I'm a dirt farmer and it was my faith in the inherent value of corn, and the belief, amounting to certainty, that corn would go to higher prices that enabled me to make a profit."

Cutten was hesitant to talk of the masterful coup that placed him with the immortals of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"The reports of my winnings are somewhat exaggerated," he laughed.

Big Figure

But his friends hold the figure between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 are a proper estimate.

Cutten is about 50, of medium height, rather slender; immaculate in attire, with his deeply sunken face evincing much time on his splendid farm some fifty miles south of here.

"I started buying corn when I was in California last February," he said. "It was about 50 cents then. Soon afterward it began to drop. It hit 75 cents and then went lower. 'I bought more, and continued to buy more. Losses? Of course.'"

Cutten continued to buy until he had the Chicago supply of July corn "sewn up." It is stated that the total was between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 bushels. The average gain was probably around 30 cents per bushel.

Back of the "faith" which Cutten credits for his profit were three other factors, gained in long years of work. The first is knowledge of markets. This Cutten gained while a book-keeper in A. S. White & Co, twenty-seven years ago at \$125 a month.

Saved \$3,000

The second is capital. Cutten saved \$3,000 out of his salary. With this amount he started his own operations, becoming a member of the Chicago Board of Trade in 1896. His knowledge of money increased, and six years later Cutten was a prominent trader.

The third factor is knowledge of crops. Cutten himself is a farmer. Eight hundred acres near Glenn Ellyn, Ill., are his home. There he watches crops first hand. And there he watches the effect of the weather.

"Knowing the weather was the biggest factor in my success this time," Cutten explained. "I knew that under the adverse weather conditions we have been having corn would be bound to go up. Therefore, I had the faith to buy in spite of lowering prices."

The hero of La Salle St. thinks more of his Glenn Ellyn home than he does of La Salle St.

"I went from the city to the farm, not from the farm to the city," he said. "And the farm's my home. I lived there all the time of course I come into the city often enough to keep posted, but I like my own crops and my own stock."

REPORT ON STADIUM

I. U. Trustees Receive Supplemental
Letter From Engineer.

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. The report, made several weeks ago, said construction was faulty.

Try This One

Breakfast—Raspberries, crisp broiled bacon, fried eggs, creamed potatoes, crisp toast, coffee.

Luncheon—Shrimp salad, bran bread sandwiches, baked cherry pudding, cream, iced tea.

Dinner—Cream broth with whipped cream, stuffed halibut steaks, creamed potatoes, buttered new beets, pineapple-cream cheese and nut salad, blackberries with thin cream, sponge cake, iced coffee.

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 \$60,000 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 \$68,000 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 city water works.

The Scottsboro Water Company, in an order supplementing 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 Sprinkle 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 \$28,500 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 25, under another modified order of the commission. The railroads contended 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